

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2003

Attendees: W. Bailey, H. Becker, M. Beroza, R. Bram, J. Butcher,
H. Danforth, C. Dickson, R. Korcek, J. Kucharski,
J. Ferst, E. Finney, P. Kearney, F. Longen, M. Perdue,
V. Pursel, W. Rawls. A. Stoner, W. Wergin {full house}.

A troika of FAR-B supplicants materialized at this meeting to alternatively:
(a) ask for funding support; (b) ask for letter-writing help from FAR-B; or
(c) learn more about FAR-B's budget planning cycle.

H. Danforth presented an overview of the use of CRADA's in ARS, which is the primary proponent of CADA's in USDA as well as the whole Federal Government. (CRADA essentially means: Cooperative Research Agreement - [US]DA).

W. Rawls circulated an information sheet on 'Tools for Management of Rangelands/Pastures'. Incorporated was a proposal for \$1 million in research effort to be spread around ARS, using a new kind of information system fed by low-orbiting satellites. E. Finney moved and C. Dickson seconded that the FAR-B Publicity Committee (i.e., J. Butcher) be charged with drafting a letter of endorsement which would be sent to FAR-B's legislative mailing list. Passed unanimously. (Action: J. Butcher)

M. Perdue reviewed plans for a upcoming pathogens workshop, to be held in Beltsville, which has been in the pipeline for some time now.

Community Outreach. C. Dickson reported the 5th annual BARC field trip in November for [inside-the-Beltway] Seabrook Elementary was a general disaster. FAR-B had been led to believe that the field trip would involve a visit to some animal barns, as had happened in years past. However, the actual student 'tour' consisted of riding around the East Side in a grimy school bus---looking out at old buildings and fallow fields---through grimy bus windows. The students and faculty were too nice to complain too much. The Animal Science Institute has obviously displayed no sensitivity in this public relations matter. Therefore, if the highest levels of management in ARS can not correct this P.R. time bomb, future FAR-B-sponsored field trips should be canceled.

FAR-B's Honorary Membership Plaque for Rep. STENY HOYER is still looking for someone to accept it. Apparently it will have to be stored until an event can be scheduled and the actual presentation made. (J. Butcher)

2003 Budget. Comprehensive documents and charts were distributed by Treasurer V. Pursel covering FAR-B's Calendar Year 2003. The hour was late with not much time left for scrutinizing details. The Area Director's Office was supposed to provide FAR-B with the same details customarily submitted by constituent offices when requesting funding or support. That material was not available to the BOD members at this meeting. The overall vote on the budget was: FOR---11; AGAINST---1. The negative vote was cast protesting the Free Lunches for BARC Managers. Documentation for the lunches has never been forthcoming.

Minutes of the FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Attendees: H. Becker, M. Beroza, R. Bram, J. Butcher,
C. Dickson, R. Korcek, E. Finney, P. Kearney,
V. Pursel, J. Schrack, A. Stoner, W. Wergin.

Ingress to--and egress from--the **IKEA site** were outlined by R. Korcek. Included were the new and exciting ramps on and off Rt.1 at the Beltway.

Alan Stoner introduced **Jerry Schrack**, the newly appointed BARC Horticulturalist, who discussed his pre-BARC background and his current BARC goals, plans, and projects. Retiree volunteerism may happen soon, he says, along with training classes and security paradigms.

Sponsoring the **Weight Watchers** activity in light of the liquidation of ARCEA was discussed at length for the second BOD meeting. **[Decision postponed.]**

A. Stoner described his vision of FAR-B presenting some ARS Information Staff software to students attending the 200 schools comprising the **Prince George's County School System**.

Treasurer V. Pursel cited current FAR-B income as coming from membership dues, CFC, and a couple of of small conferences. Expenditures have been minimal (e.g., postage).

J. Butcher gave a briefing on the status of the **Waltr Rawls||National Cattlemen's Association** proposal involving GIS and range management research. **{Decision:** Determine the status of the overall request with representatives from the Cattlemen's Association before proceeding.}

Goals and Objectives---the following topics were highlighted:

R. Bram presented his vision of some expanded FAR-B Awards.

V. Pursel circulated a proposal for a well-defined scholarship program at the high school||college||student level. Copies of his proposal were distributed with further discussion planned for the next BOD meeting.

George Irving Fellowship: to lie fallow this calendar year.

CFC contributions may be iffy this season **{P. Kearney}**. The recent UGF scandals are now taking their toll on groups such as FAR-B..

Plans for the **Annual Meeting** are moving ahead. Still need a celebrity speaker, however. **W. Wergin** to initiate appropriate invitations, coordinating as convenient with the Area Director's office.

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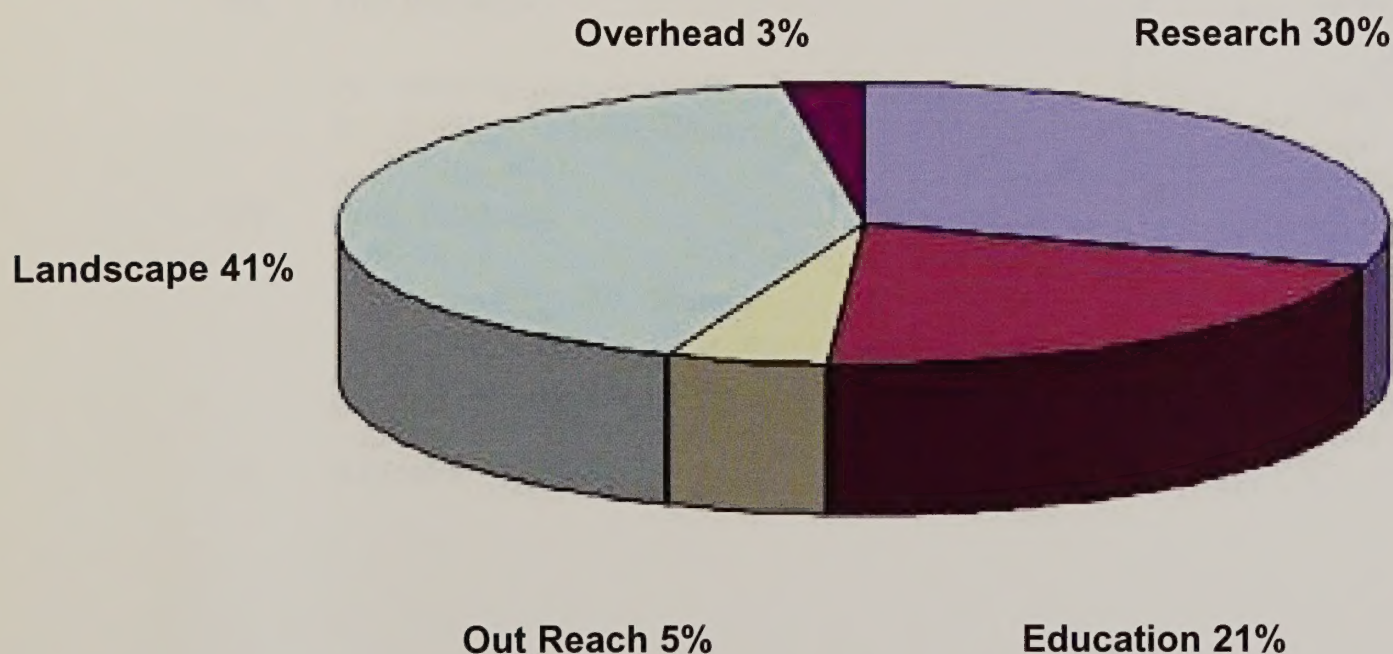
FAR-B/CFC

Good Friends/Good Neighbors



The Friends of Agricultural Research-Beltsville, Inc (FAR-B) is in its third year of participation in the *Combined Federal Campaign* of the National Capital Area (*designation number 7991*) Last year we were able to raise about \$8,000 to support the research, educational and outreach programs at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. CFC funds have become a major source of income. We are asking for your help again this year. The surrounding community also benefits from the Center's activities. For the first time, we are asking our neighboring Federal agencies that work at Beltsville to contribute to our campaign. Protecting the "Green Way" that extends from BARC to the Patuxent Wildlife Center is an important local ecological resource. We have in the past, and continue today, to resist any development of this property. Our Focus group advises Congress on the need to maintain a strong program at the Center. Last year we had to commit a large percentage of our budget to repair damage caused by the 2001 tornado. We still have some obligations to resolve this issue.

2002 FAR-B Expenses



FAR-B is an all volunteer organization with no paid employees. We return 97 cents of every donated dollar to support the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Please help us by sending a tax-deductible donation to FAR-B or by designating FAR-B on your CFC payroll deduction this year! **Remember our CFC designation number for FAR-B is 7991.**

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor Center, BARC-EAST
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, April 12, 2005 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - W. Wergin
- B. AO Comments - W. Wergin
- C. Visitor's Center - John (?)
- D. Outreach - Dianne Odland

II. Reports

- A. Treasurer - Vern Pursel
- B. Membership Committee - Vern Pursel
- C. Publicity Committee - Hank Becker
- D. Outreach & Assistance - Butcher/Smith/Beecher
- E. Goals and Objectives Committee - Phil Kearney
- F. Administrator's Liaison - Al Stoner
- G. Legislative Liaison - Jim Butcher
- H. United Way Campaign - Phil Kearney

III. Old Business

- A. Meeting with Senators - Jim Butcher
- B. Brochure - Hank Becker

IV. New Business

- A. Poster Day - W. Wergin
- B. Annual Meeting, Reception - Nancy Thrush
- C. Speaker, Annual Meeting - C. Rexroad (?)

V. Adjourn

Handwritten notes:

- 1 - May 25 Award program poster
- Send Hank stuff on Ralph Lichtenfeld
- 2 - Get info on Montgomery & Howard
- 3 - Start action on getting MOU for Systematics
- Mike Schauff
- May 6th 2-4

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor Center, BARC- EAST
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, November 8, 2005 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – Murrell/Wergin
- B. Director's Comments – T. Sexton (?)
- C. Visitor's Center – John Kucharski
- D. Outreach – Dianne Odland

II. Committee Reports

- A. Treasurer - Vern Pursel
- B. Membership Outreach - Vern Pursel
- C. Publicity – Hank Becker
- D. Community Outreach – Butcher/HELP
- E. Goals and Objectives - Phil Kearney
- F. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood
- G. Legislative Outreach – Jim Butcher
- H. United Way Campaign - Phil Kearney

III. Old Business

- A. Brochure – Phil/Vern/Hank
 "Don't end the meeting without a final version!! Please!"
 KDM
- B. Holiday Party – Al/Nancy
- C. Retiree List/Data Base – Nancy Thrush/Al Stoner
- D. BARC Priorities – Butcher/Finney/Murrell
- E. Presidential Award for Outreach Activities – Jim Butcher

IV. New Business

V. Adjourn

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor Center, BARC- EAST
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, December 13, 2005 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – D. Murrell
- B. Director's Comments – P. Johnson
- C. Visitor's Center – John Kucharski

II. Committee Reports

- A. Treasurer/ Audit - Vern - Vern Pursel
 - Business Money Market Account
 - Secretary Position- Jim Anderson
- B. Membership Outreach - Vern Pursel
 - Committee Chair
- C. Community Outreach – Butcher/ Odland
- D. Goals and Objectives/United Way report - Phil Kearney
- E. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood
 - MOU with BARC

III. Old Business

- A. George W Irving Fellowship Award-Ralph Bram
- B. Brochure – Becker/.Murrell
- C. Retiree List/Data Base – Nancy Thrush/Al Stoner
- D. BARC Priorities/ Legislative Outreach – Butcher/Finney/Murrell

IV. New Business

V. Adjourn

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor Center, BARC- EAST
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, December 13, 2005 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Dianne Odland, Morton Beroza, Phil Kearney, David Chitwood, Vernon Pursel, Allen Stoner, James Butcher, . Darwin Murrell, Hank Becker, James Anderson, John Kucharski, and Phyllis Johnson

Darwin Murrell opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and announced that James Anderson agreed to fill the Secretary position.

Director's Comments – P. Johnson

- **Naming of new BHNRC Director to take place in early 2006**
- **John Van de Vaarst retired. Position will be evaluated as to what this vacancy will entail**
- **2006 appropriations were passed, but there may be a government wide rescission as well as an ARS rescission for the Safe Haven program for displaced Katrina employees**
- **On January 18, 2006 Staffers from the Maryland Delegation's will visit BARC, FAR-B will be asked to supply a luncheon for visitors**
- **On February 23, 2006 TEDCO will visit for another Technical Show Case and to sign a Cooperative Agreement**
- **Making progress on "Long Range Plans" for BARC**
- **Great interest in energy issues including biofuels**

Visitor's Center – John Kucharski

- **John will retire at the end of December, 2005. A party will be held on January 11, 2006**

Committee Reports

Treasurer/ Audit - Vern - Vern Pursel

- **Went through the Monthly Income and Expenses as well as the Monthly Account Balance Report.**
- **Business Money Market Account: Went through the troubles he was having purchasing CD's. Most banks will not sell them to non-profits and businesses. He found Assurance Partners Bank will sell CD's but also has a good yield on Money Market Accounts, about 10 fold greater return than our current bank gives.**

A motion was made by Vernon Pursel to move our Money Market Account funds and future CD's from Sun Trust to the Business Money Market Savings and Certificates of Deposit (CD's) at Assurance Partners Bank. Either the Treasurer or the President can deposit or withdraw funds from the account. The motion was seconded by Jim Butcher. After some discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

- **An audit of the books is needed to maintain our affiliation with the CFC. Vernon will determine what type of audit we need and will make arrangements so it is done by the February meeting.**

Membership Outreach - Vern Pursel

Allan Stoner will be the Membership Committee Chair. He compiled a list of former employees who are or could be members of FAR-B. Requested that we all look at the list and make corrections and additions, including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc., and return list of him at the January meeting.

Talked about the different memberships including increasing our Sustaining members and maybe developing a life long membership; Vern Pursel and Darwin Murrell will investigate the possibility of establishing a life membership.

- **Community Outreach – Butcher/ Odland**
Reported on what this committee was planning to do with the Beltsville Elementary School (BES) science program. A meeting of the committee (Dianne Odland, Jim Butcher, Allan Stoner, and Jim Anderson) will be held at BES on Thursday, December 15, 2005 to discuss what the school would like to have. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Also talked about Science Fairs and the need for judges

- **Goals and Objectives/CFC report - Phil Kearney**

Talked about the local CFC drive and the work that Wendy Jacobs did of FAR-B. (Should we recognize her in some way?? Not discussed)

Showed two different printouts of the new FAR-B brochure.

A motion was made by Allan Stoner to purchase 1,000 copies of the tri-fold brochure from University Press at a cost of about \$725. The brochure will be folded by the printer. The motion

was seconded by Hank Becker. After some brief discussion the motion was unanimously passed. Phil Kearney will do the ordering.

- **Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood**
- **David will work with the AO to develop a mechanism for transferring money between the organizations. The old MOU is now out of date**
- **Need to make sure we have an electronic or paper trail for money requests from everyone, including the AO. David will bring this message to the AO.**

Old Business

- **George W Irving Fellowship Award-Ralph Bram**
- **Phil Kearney will get together with Ralph Bram, Ron Korcak, Jim Butcher and Jim Anderson about the George Irving award for Dr. VR Reddy. Phil will put together a brief history and look for paper work to see the written details of what commitments FAR-B made to Dr. Reddy.**
- **Brochure – Becker/.Murrell (discussed above)**
- **Retiree List/Data Base – Nancy Thrush/Al Stoner (discussed above)**
- **BARC Priorities/ Legislative Outreach – Butcher/Finney/Murrell (No discussion)**

New Business

- **A letter needs to be composed encouraging employees to contribute to FAR-B through the CFC. This will be taken up at the January meeting.**
- **Write-ups for the News Letter need to be in the hands of Hank Becker by the first week in January, 2006**

Adjourned about 2:45 P.M.

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor Center, BARC- EAST
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, January 10, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions and invited remarks

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – D. Murrell
- B. BARC Director's Comments – P. Johnson
- C. Visitor's Center Comments – ~~John Kucharski~~ *Paul H. Coy, Acting*

II. Committee Reports/ Old Business

- A. Secretary and minutes of pervious meting- Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's report- Vern Pursel
- C. Membership Committee's report- Alan Stoner
- D. Outreach Committee's report- Jim Butcher and Diane Odland
- E. Goals/~~United Way~~ Committee's report-Phil Kearney
- F. BARC Liaison report- David Chitwood
- G. BARC/Legislative Outreach report-Jim Butcher
- H. Newsletter/Brochure update- Hank Becker
- I. Awards/Grants Committee report- Ralph Bram

III. New Business

- A. BARC Funds request
- B. VR Reddy request *Bob = Phil + Bill will correct what was*
- C. Montgomery County Science Fair

IV. Adjourn

Friends of Agricultural Research - Baltimore, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Baltimore A. Neilson Research Center
Visitor Center, BARC - EAST
Baltimore, Maryland
Tuesday, January 10, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions and invited remarks

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D. Murrell
- B. BARC Director's Comments - R. Johnson
- C. Visitor's Center Comments - John Kunkel

II. Committee Reports/Old Business

- A. Secretary and minutes of previous meeting - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's report - Vern Prael
- C. Membership Committee's report - Alan Stone
- D. Outreach Committee's report - Jim Hunter and Diane O'Neil
- E. Outreach Committee's report - Bill Kennedy
- F. BARC Liaison report - David Chiswick
- G. BARC Liaison's Outreach report - Jim Hunter
- H. Newsletter/Website update - Hank Becker
- I. Awards/Grants Committee report - Ralph Blum

III. New Business

- A. BARC funds request
- B. VR Reddy request
- C. Montgomery County Science Fair

IV. Adjourn

Draft of Minutes of January 16, 2006
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor Center, BARC- EAST
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, January 10, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Hank Becker, Mart Baroza, Phil Kearney, David Chitwood, Ralph Bram, Jim Butcher, Essex Finney, Darwin Murrell, Bill Wergin, Allan Stoner, Dianne Odland, Jim Smith, Phyllis Johnson, and James Anderson

I. Introductions and invited remarks

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – D. Murrell
- B. BARC Director's Comments – P. Johnson
 - Brought the members up-to-date on the state of BARC. Reported that ARS is now taking 1% for "Safe Haven" for Katrina impacted employees. There is a government wide rescission of 1%.
 - BARC purchased a new state-of-the-art sequencer
 - Systematics is in the headlines. Was recently discussed at a G-8 Meeting. The National Academy of Science is going to study various collections, including BARC's. The head of the study will visit BARC this week.
 - A new Director of the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center was announced: Allison Yates should be on board in a few weeks.
 - The Microscope FAR-B helped purchase is working, but needs more software.
 - On Wednesday, January 18, 2006 the Maryland Congressional delegations are invited to BARC. John Peter Thompson arranged this. Meeting starts at 2:30 and pizza will be delivered at 4:30 in B-005.
 - **For the next meeting Darwin will put an action plan to present to the Maryland Delegation (Sarbanes and Mikulski)**
- C. Visitor's Center Comments – No report. John Kucharski retired in early January 2006. A reception will be held on January 11, 2006, Log Lodge.

II. Committee Reports/ Old Business

- A. Secretary and minutes of pervious meting- Jim Anderson - Minutes were sent out to all. If there are corrections, get them back to Jim Anderson. Minutes were accepted with a few changes. Attached
- B. Treasurer's report- Vern Pursel No report because of illness
- C. Membership Committee's report- Alan Stoner – Passed out an updated list of former BARC employees and current FAR-B members. Al needs help in getting more names and addresses. Look through the list and add things as you can and get these to Al, ASAP.
- D. Outreach Committee's report- Jim Butcher and Dianne Odland – Dianne reported that FAR-B will be presenting a new program at BES the first week of May. This will be a 3 day affair (May 2, 3, and 4). There will be 5 one hour sessions for each grade each day. The fifth and sixth grades will be done first. Anticipate having 60 kids per session with at least 4 different stations. So far the Bee Research Laboratory and Systematics

Entomology Laboratories are on board, Tom Sexton will help with others. The school would like to have a poster contest again.

- E. Goals/Combined Federal Campaign Committee's report-Phil Kearney – Phil reported that the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign Application Period to file was extended from January 23, 2006 to February 22, 2006 and a second application period goes February 10, 2006 to March 10, 2006. CFC Provides for an electronic on-line application, but they want a complete list of members on Excel Spreadsheet (Phil will check to see if this is really necessary and what will it be used for?). CFC is providing an Electronic Fund Transfer, so that monthly checks would go directly to the bank. FAR-B needs to provide information on Board Members terms of office.
- F. BARC Liaison report- David Chitwood Passed out a copy of the old MOU that will terminate at the end of January 2006. A new one is needed. Dave Chitwood will try to work with FAR-B and the AO to get a new MOU. It was not clear who will do what on this. Dave will pass out copies of the new brochure to the RL's at their up coming meeting.
- G. BARC/Legislative Outreach report-Jim Butcher
FAR-B will pay for pizza for the Maryland Delegation that will meet at BARC on January 18, 2006 (see comments from Phyllis Johnson, above)
- H. Newsletter/Brochure update- Hank Becker
Needs information for the next newsletter. If you have something, email to Hank.
- I. Awards/Grants Committee report- Ralph Bram
There is some confusion about the status of the various awards and grants that FAR-B gives out. In order to clarify this a motion was made by Ralph Bram and seconded by Jim Butcher (?) to have the Awards/Grants Committee re-evaluate what FAR-B is doing along these lines. The past three presidents of FAR-B (Bram, Wergin and Kearney) will make recommendations. They will consult with the AO to make sure we are doing what is needed.

III. New Business

- A. BARC Funds request – Need to look at the SEL funds. Will invite RL of SEL to FAR-B meeting in March or April to explain what the funds will be used for, Most of the Board felt that the funds should be used, instead of allowing to just increase.
- B. VR Reddy request (See II I above)
- C. Montgomery County Science Fair - Dawin will check to see what needs to be done.

IV. Adjourn at 2:20 P.M.

Minutes Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor Center, BARC- EAST

Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, March 14, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order –Darwin Murrell introduced Freddi Hammerschlag, former RL, Fruit Lab.

B. Director's Comments – P. Johnson

1. Reviewed administrative changes in ARS.

2. MD Assembly released funds to the Highway Dept to do study of new access road to U MD. Road would affect So. Farm and College Park Woods. A coalition has formed in College Park Woods to address the problem.

3. A 2-day spatial statistics workshop will be held/begin at BARC later this week.

4. John Peter Thompson, CEO Behnke is heading an effort to form a BARC Alliance.

5. Budget: Senate hearings will be held on Thursday (3/16) ; House hearings in April.

C. Visitor's Center – Ruth Coy.

1. Jennifer Woodward Greene has been selected as the new Director, Visitor Center.

D. Appointment of temporary Secretary.

II. Old Business/Committee Reports

A. Treasurer - Vern Pursel (See handout).

B. Awards/Grants Program – Ralph Bram.

1. Proposed New Grants Program the following motion covering “a” and ‘b” below was made and passed.

a) Professional Travel Awards.

i. A total of \$20,000 will be proportionately allocated to SYs in each of three Institutes (\$7,000 to Animal and Natural Resources; \$4,000 to Human Nutrition; and \$9,000 to Plant Sciences).

ii. Funds should be specifically for scientists travel to cooperating laboratories and professional meetings.

iii. The funds will be taken from FAR-B reserves for the current year and would be distributed to the Institute Chairs.

iv. Letters, which indicate that budget constraints have severely limited travel for BARC scientists, should also be sent to the appropriate stakeholders from names and addresses provided by the Institutes and/or the Area Office.

b) Special grants for scientists and innovative ideas.

Bedford, Maryland
Tuesday, March 14, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order - David M. Hurrell introduced Fredrick Hurrell, former RL, Farm

RL, Farm

B. Director's Comments - P. Johnson

1. Reviewed administrative changes at HARC
2. MD Assembly's request for the Highway Dept to do study of new access road to
U MD. Road would affect 500 Farm and College Park Woods. A coalition has formed
in College Park Woods to address the problem.

3. A 2 day special studies workshop will be held at HARC later this week.

4. John Peter Thompson, CEO of HARC is heading an effort to form a HARC Alliance.

5. Budget Review meeting will be held on Thursday (3/16); 1 hour meeting in April.

C. Director's Comments - P. Johnson

1. Jennifer W. Gorman and Gorman has been selected as the new Director, Visitor Center.

D. Appointment of temporary Secretary

II. Old Business/Committee Reports

A. Treasurer - Van P. Hurrell (see minutes)

B. Awards Grants Program - Ralph Hurrell

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iv. Letters, which indicate that budget constraints have severely limited travel for HARC
scientists, should also be sent to the appropriate stakeholders (donor names and addresses
provided by the Institutes and/or the Farm Office)

b) Special grants for scientists and research sites.

i. Approval of Institute Chair.

ii. Up to \$5,000 per request.

A2. A discussion of "Landscaping Grants" decided that further clarification was needed, i.e.: 1) are funds for landscaping included in the original funding proposals?; 2) Do we have/can we obtain (Jim Anderson is contacting U MD) a landscaping design for the buildings; 3) an ad hoc committee should handle further action on this matter when the questions are resolved.

C. Membership Outreach - Al Stoner/ Vern Pursel/ Nancy Thrush.

Al Stoner reported that the current list contains about 410 individuals; about 200 of these are not current members. A letter and the last Newsletter will be sent to these individuals in an effort to recruit new members.

D. Formation of Possible BARC Alliance -/Butcher/ Finney/Bram/Murrell.

Jim can you give us a brief summary?

E. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher / Dianne Odland/Vern Pursel.

1. Dianne Odland reported that the theme for the Beltsville Elementary School science program this year will be "Exploring Animal Science. For projects will be involved: 1) Bees (?); 2) Cool Cow, Dynamite Dairy; 3) How Chickens Get Stomach Aches; and an SEL project. Main event will take place May 2-4.

2. Vern reported that science projects at the Howard Co Science Fair were successfully judged on 2/24; and the following weekend at the Montgomery Co Science Fair. On 4/1, the PG Science Fair will be held and judges are needed for this event. Vern made a motion stating that individuals who have helped in this effort be sent a letter of gratitude and be given a complementary 1 year membership in FAR-B. Motion was passed.

F. United Way Campaign - Phil Kearney

Phil indicated that the (30 page) application to United Way had been submitted and received. He reported that the "Overhead" that was reported for FAR-B was 3.3%.

G. Legislative Outreach – Jim Butcher.

Jim indicated that FAR-B may not submit a formal statement to the Congressional Agriculture Appropriations Committees this year. If the BARC Alliance is formed he would expect that they would be involved in this effort in future years. He indicated that the MD delegation was aware of the proposed status of the Fruit Lab and the Phytonutrient Lab. Freddi indicated that special interest groups were also aware of the situation.

H. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

Dave indicated that the results of the Montgomery Co Science Fair are posted on their website. Darwin asked Dave to check with Phyllis on the status of information needed for

website. Darwin asked Dave to check with Tiff on the status of information needed for the AGS Fair and the results of the Montgomery Co Science Fair are posted on their website.

J. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chiswood

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E. Community Outreach - Jan Butcher, Diana Olland/Vann Butcher

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1-1) are funds for landscaping included in the original funding proposal; 2) Do we

5. Up to \$2,000 per request.

I. Approval of Institute Chair.

the congressional testimony.

III. New Business.

A. Speaker for Annual Meeting – Darwin.

The following individuals were suggested the main speaker at the FAR-B annual meeting in May: 1) John Peter Thompson (Jim Butcher will check to see if he is available); 2) The new under Secretary of Ag; 3) A congressional “staffer” – (Vern).

B. Cancellation of BARC Field Day.

Because of the cost (\$30,000), the Field Day for 2006 has been cancelled. The BOD concurred that the cost would be too much for FAR-B to underwrite this year.

C. Landscaping at BARC – Anderson/Stoner (covered above).

IV Adjourn.

the congressional testimony.

III. New Business

A. Speaker for Annual Meeting - Darwin

The following individuals were suggested the main speaker at the FARR-B annual meeting in May: 1) John Peter Thompson (Jim Butcher will check to see if he is available); 2) The new under Secretary of Ag; 3) A congressional staffer - (Vern).

B. Cancellation of BARC Field Day.

Because of the cost (\$30,000), the Field Day for 2006 has been cancelled. The BOD concerned that the cost would be too much for FARR-B to undertake this year.

C. Landscaping at BARC - Anderson/Stoner (covered above).

IV. Adjourn.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Visitor Center, BARC- EAST

Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order - Bill Wergin
- B. Director's Comments - P. Johnson
- C. Visitor's Center - Ruth Coy

II. Committee Reports

- A Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson ✓
- B Treasurer - Vern Pursel
- C Awards/Grants Program - Ralph Bram - *nothing*
- D Membership Outreach - Al Stoner/ Vern Pursel/ Nancy Thrush - *Box Sticker holder employee*
- E BARC Alliance - J Butcher
- F Community Outreach - Jim Butcher / Dianne Odland
- G United Way Campaign - Phil Kearney - *not*
- H Legislative Outreach - Jim Butcher
- I Publicity - Hank Becker - *nothing*
- J Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood - *nothing*

III. New Business

- A Annual Meeting arrangements - Various
- B Landscaping at BARC - Anderson/Stoner/Chitwood
- C Policy for small fund requests

V. Adjourn

short meeting
nothing

Al Stoner -
related to Rob
Grislow -
under the hood

Rob + Al

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Held at the Hotel New York
New York City, New York
November 15, 1960
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Introduction

- A - 1. Call to Order - Mr. [Name]
- B - 2. Minutes of the previous meeting - Mr. [Name]
- C - 3. Report of the Treasurer - Mr. [Name]

Committee Reports

- A - 4. Report of the Committee on the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- B - 5. Report of the Committee on the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- C - 6. Report of the Committee on the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- D - 7. Report of the Committee on the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- E - 8. Report of the Committee on the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- F - 9. Report of the Committee on the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- G - 10. Report of the Committee on the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- H - 11. Report of the Committee on the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- I - 12. Report of the Committee on the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- J - 13. Report of the Committee on the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]

New Business

- A - 14. Motion for the adoption of the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- B - 15. Motion for the adoption of the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]
- C - 16. Motion for the adoption of the [Topic] - Mr. [Name]

Adjourn

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor Center, BARC- EAST
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, April 11, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Dianne Odland, Morton Beroza, Phil Kearney, Vernon Pursel, James Butcher, James Anderson, Essex Finney, William Wergin, James Smith, and Freddi Hammerschlag

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order - Bill Wergin opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

B. Director's Comments – P. Johnson

- ~~C.~~ Dr. Ronald Fayer was presented with a Presidential Rank Award
- Kurt Zuelke is going to Ames, Iowa to be the new Director at the Animal Disease Center
- Ron Korcak is the Acting Director of the Southern Plains Area
- Harry Danforth is the Acting Associate Director at BARC
- Rob Griesbach is the Acting Technical Transfer Director
- Energy costs are a real challenge in the coming budgets, over a 50% increase from 3 years ago; almost a doubling in the next FY
- Closing buildings, e.g., B-050
- BARC contains at least 6 globally rare ecosystems that need protecting
- Dedication of the new Greenhouses and Poultry Facility will be in June

C. Visitor's Center –Diane Odland

- Jennifer Woodland-Green will be the new Head of the Visitor Center and should be at the next FAR-B BOD meeting
- FAR-B winners in the Howard County Science Fair took a tour of BARC

II. Committee Reports

A. Secretaries Report – Jim Anderson

- Minutes from last meeting were emailed to all by Bill Wergin

B. Treasurer's report - Vern Pursel

- Went through the Monthly Income and Expenses as well as the Monthly Account Balance Report (handout).

C. Awards/Grant Program – No Report

D. Membership Outreach – Al Stoner/Vern Pursel/Nancy Thrush

- Committee still working on membership list

E. BARC Alliance – Jim Butcher

- Jim Anderson and Jim Butcher attended the March 30, 2006 Pre-organizational meeting – BARC Community Alliance

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Conference Room, Bldg 003
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, May 2, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - B. Wergin
- B. Comments – Phyllis Johnson
- C. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene
- D. Outreach – Dianne Odland

II. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report – J. Anderson
- B. Treasurer - Vern Pursel
- C. Membership Outreach – Al Stoner/Vern Pursel/Nancy Thrush
- D. BARC Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher
- F. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
- G. Publicity Committee – Hank Becker
- H. Outreach & Assistance – Smith/Butcher/Beecher
- I. Awards/Grants – Ralph Bram
- J. Legislative Outreach – Jim Butcher
- K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. Old Business

- A. Annual Meeting – All
- B. Landscaping at BARC – Stoner/Anderson

IV. New Business

V. 1:20 pm - Adjourn to Reception

Exercises of the National Science Foundation

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I. Introduction

1. The first exercise is to find the derivative of the function $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 5$.
2. The second exercise is to find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \sin(x)$.
3. The third exercise is to find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \cos(x)$.
4. The fourth exercise is to find the derivative of the function $f(x) = e^x$.

II. Problems

1. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 7$.
2. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \sin(2x)$.
3. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \cos(3x)$.
4. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = e^{2x}$.
5. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \ln(x)$.
6. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \ln(x^2)$.
7. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \ln(\sqrt{x})$.
8. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \ln(e^x)$.
9. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \ln(x^e)$.
10. Find the derivative of the function $f(x) = \ln(e^x)$.

III. Solutions

1. The derivative of $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x + 7$ is $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 4x - 5$.
2. The derivative of $f(x) = \sin(2x)$ is $f'(x) = 2\cos(2x)$.
3. The derivative of $f(x) = \cos(3x)$ is $f'(x) = -3\sin(3x)$.
4. The derivative of $f(x) = e^{2x}$ is $f'(x) = 2e^{2x}$.
5. The derivative of $f(x) = \ln(x)$ is $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.
6. The derivative of $f(x) = \ln(x^2)$ is $f'(x) = \frac{2}{x}$.
7. The derivative of $f(x) = \ln(\sqrt{x})$ is $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2x}$.
8. The derivative of $f(x) = \ln(e^x)$ is $f'(x) = 1$.
9. The derivative of $f(x) = \ln(x^e)$ is $f'(x) = \frac{e}{x}$.
10. The derivative of $f(x) = \ln(e^x)$ is $f'(x) = 1$.

IV. Conclusion

The exercises of the National Science Foundation are designed to help students understand the concepts of calculus and to develop their problem-solving skills.

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Conference Room, Bldg 003
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, May 2, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests

Bill Wergin called the meeting to order

B. Comments by Area Office

Phyllis Johnson mentioned several upcoming events that included the following:

May 22, 2006 BARC will host a meeting for all who put in A NATIONAL DEFENSE FACILITY GRANT PROPOSAL

JUNE8, 2006 A SCIENCE OF SYSTEMATICS PROGRAM WILL BE OPENED AT THE BOTANIC GREENHOUSE IN DC.

FAR-B WILL BE ASKED TO HELP WITH EXPENSES FOR THESE EVENTS. THE EVENT AT THE BOTANIC GREENHOUSE WILL BE CARTERED FOR ABOUT 100 PEOPLE.

Announced that Drs. McCarty and McConnell are partners in a \$800,000 grant to BARC and EPA for work on the Chesapeake Bay

Talked about the increase in costs to run BARC. Energy is the main problem.

C. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene introduced herself to everyone.

D. Outreach – Dianne Odland talked about the upcoming Science Enhancement Program to be held on May 2,3, and 4 at BES. Four different BARC Laboratories are participating.

II. Reports

A. Secretary's Report – J. Anderson sent to all by email.

B. Treasurer - Vern Pursel reported we have a positive balance. Last year FAR-B spent \$25,000 to help SEL purchase a new microscope.

Vern Pursel explained that FAR-B is funded about ¼ from investment income; ¼ from dues; ¼ from CFC; and ¼ from symposia etc. FAR-B will have to make an early withdrawn from a CD to pay off the \$20,000 in travel funds.

FAR-B has about \$60,000 in reserve. Funding research projects proposals will cut into reserves. There was lively discussion and it was decided not to make decisions at this meeting. More time was needed to get information on what we should do.

I Awards/Grants – Ralph Bram led a discussion concerning the awarding of the FAR-B research grants. There were too many questions about the program.

A motion was made by Ralph Bram that a decision needs to be made on funding the current 4 proposals and any other that come up at the next meeting. This passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at about 1:30

Items not covered:

C. Membership Outreach – Al Stoner/Vern Pursel/Nancy Thrush

D. BARC Alliance – Jim Butcher

E. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher

F Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

G. Publicity Committee – Hank Becker

H. Outreach & Assistance – Smith/Butcher/Beecher

J. Legislative Outreach – Jim Butcher

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. Old Business

A. Annual Meeting – All

B. Landscaping at BARC – Stoner/Anderson

IV. New Business

V. 1:20 pm - Adjourn to Reception

Annual Meeting

Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Building 003, Auditorium
Beltsville, Maryland 20705
Tuesday, May 2, 2006

1:30 p.m. - Reception for FAR-B Personal, Patron, Sustaining and Associate Members (Bldg 003, Room 020)

2:00 p.m. - Annual Meeting (Bldg 003, Auditorium)

William Wergin, FAR-B Vice-President called the Annual Meeting Order and made Introductions -

Featured Speaker; John Peter Thompson, CEO, Behnke Nurseries Company spoke on – “The New BARC Alliance and the Rise of Invasive Ornamentals”

After the main presentation, Phyllis E. Johnson made brief comments about what is happening at BARC.

William Wergin presented a review of what FAR-B has done during the past year

1. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959. There were many questions about the program. A motion was made by Ralph H. Brown that a resolution be adopted to the effect of endorsing the current program and any other that come up at the next meeting. This proposal was adopted. The meeting was adjourned at about 1:30.

- Items on agenda:
- C. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.
 - D. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.
 - E. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.
 - F. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.
 - G. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.
 - H. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.
 - I. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.
 - J. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.

- III. Old Business:
- A. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.
 - B. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.

- IV. New Business:
- C. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959.

Annals of the Entomological Society of America - Volume 100, Number 1, February 1959. Henry A. Wallace, Director of the National Research Council, presented a paper on "The Role of the Entomological Society of America in the Development of the National Research Council." The paper was well received and the Society voted to accept it.

1:30 p.m. - Reception for F.A.S. Entomological Society members and Associates (High 001, Room 520).

2:00 p.m. - *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* (High 001, Room 520).

Robert Weir, F.A.S. Entomological Society, presented a paper on "The Role of the Entomological Society of America in the Development of the National Research Council." The paper was well received and the Society voted to accept it.

After the main presentation, F.A.S. Entomological Society members and Associates were asked to remain for a reception in Room 520.

William V. Brown presented a paper on "The Role of the Entomological Society of America in the Development of the National Research Council." The paper was well received and the Society voted to accept it.

Morton Beroza presider over Election of New Officers and Board Members:

Freddi Hammerschlag was elected to the Board and James Anderson was officially elected Secretary.

Board of Directors Meeting

From the Maryland Community Center

Freddi Hammerschlag

San Diego, Maryland

Thursday, June 12, 2008 - 4:00 PM

Agenda

- A. Call to Order and Invocation of Prayer - G. Beroza
- B. Treasurer - Phyllis Anderson, G. Beroza
- C. John Walter Thompson, CEO of Sunbelt, Inc., was elected
ALL/AMC
- D. Victor's Choice - American Community Center

Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - J. Anderson
- B. Treasurer - Mary Beroza
- C. American Center - Ralph Beroza, Victor's Choice and Sunbelt
- D. Sunbelt Inc. - Sunbelt Inc.
- E. Sunbelt Inc. - Sunbelt Inc.
- F. Sunbelt Inc. - Sunbelt Inc.
- G. Sunbelt Inc. - Sunbelt Inc.
- H. Sunbelt Inc. - Sunbelt Inc.
- I. Sunbelt Inc. - Sunbelt Inc.
- J. Sunbelt Inc. - Sunbelt Inc.
- K. Sunbelt Inc. - Sunbelt Inc.
- L. Sunbelt Inc. - Sunbelt Inc.

Old Business

Continuation of 2008 Sunbelt Meeting, 2008 - Sunbelt Inc.

New Business

Continuation of 2008 Sunbelt Meeting, 2008 - Sunbelt Inc.

1. The following are the names of the persons who have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1964.

2. The following are the names of the persons who have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1965.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, June 13, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D Murrell
- B. Comments – Phyllis Johnson, BARC Director
- C. John Peter Thompson, CEO of Benke's Nurseries, INC., The BARC ALLIANCE
- D. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report – J. Anderson *OK.*
- B. Treasurer - Vern Pursel
- C. Awards/Grants – Ralph Bram (Decisions on Grant Proposals)
- D. BARC Alliance – Jim Butcher
- E. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood
- F. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
- G. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher
- H. Outreach & Assistance – Smith/Butcher/Beecher
- I. Outreach – Al Stoner/Vern
- J. Legislative Outreach – Jim Butcher
- K. Membership Pursel/Nancy Thrush
- L. Publicity Committee – Hank Becker

III. Old Business

Landscaping at BARC (including Building 230) – Stoner/Anderson

IV. New Business

Fund request from Larry Sikora

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, June 13, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D. Marshall
- B. Comments - Phyllis Johnson, BARC Director
- C. John Peter Thompson, CEO of Seneca's Nurseries, Inc., The BARC ALLIANCE
- D. Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - J. Anderson
- B. Treasurer - Vera Brown
- C. Awards/Gifts - Ralph Brown (Decisions on Grant Proposals)
- D. BARC Alliance - Jim Hatcher
- E. Administrator - Liaison - Dave Chiswood
- F. Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kennedy
- G. Community Outreach - Jim Hatcher
- H. Outreach & Assistance - Smith/Butcher/Becker
- I. Outreach - Al Stoner/Vera
- J. Legislative Outreach - Jim Hatcher
- K. Membership/Purchasing/Finance
- L. Publicity Committee - Frank Becker

III. Old Business

Landscaping at BARC (including Building 230) -- Stoner/Anderson

IV. New Business

Fund request from Larry Sibon

FAR-B Monthly Meeting- June 13, 2006- National Visitor Center Update

- I. Selected accomplishments since 4/17/2006
 - a. Clear water
 - b. NVC calendar online
 - c. Booking tours/programs- partially automated, full automation in process
 - d. NVC internal website- Sharepoint preliminary design online-beta testing
 - e. CCC executive correspondence re: Saturday meetings
 - f. Developed FFA Program series format and written materials (and ongoing)
 - g. Establish relationships with BA administration and facilities management
- II. Objectives
 - a. Short term objectives
 - i. Complete internal website
 - 1. Database of ARS resources and contacts
 - 2. Database of Tours and Programs- tracking
 - a. Visitors- numbers, types, demographics
 - b. Programs
 - c. Outreach
 - d. Use of facilities (buildings, vehicles, personnel)
 - ii. Establish Policy
 - 1. Physical and Biosecurity
 - a. Daily SOP for BARC security/check-in
 - b. International visitors
 - c. Cooperation with GWCC security
 - 2. NVC Staff
 - a. Leave
 - b. Safety
 - iii. Facilities
 - 1. Storage
 - 2. Cleaning- small and large scale
 - 3. New exhibit panels in design, near completion
 - iv. Program
 - 1. FFA Series
 - 2. Building 012
 - 3. Program analysis
 - b. Long term objectives
 - i. Program analysis
 - ii. Program development
 - 1. NVC and/or Volunteer staffed
 - 2. Fees
 - iii. Cooperative agreements and Partners for program development
 - 1. BA and BARC groups
 - 2. FAR-B
 - 3. BA Consortium
 - 4. Other ARS Areas
 - 5. CSREES (list not all inclusive)
 - a. Extension
 - b. Ag In The Classroom
 - c. SARE
 - 6. Chesapeake Bay Society- BA Bay projects
 - 7. Others
 - iv. Facilities and resources to accommodate new programs

Section 1: Introduction

1. The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive overview of the project's goals and objectives.
2. This document is intended for the project team and stakeholders.
3. The document is organized into several sections, including an introduction, a description of the project, a list of objectives, a timeline, and a conclusion.
4. The project is a multi-phase process that will involve a variety of tasks and activities.
5. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Objectives

1. To develop a clear understanding of the project's goals and objectives.
2. To identify the key stakeholders and their roles in the project.
3. To establish a timeline for the project and identify key milestones.
4. To develop a budget for the project and identify potential risks.
5. To create a communication plan for the project.
6. To ensure that the project is completed on time and within budget.
7. To ensure that the project meets the needs of the stakeholders.
8. To ensure that the project is transparent and accountable.
9. To ensure that the project is flexible and adaptable.
10. To ensure that the project is sustainable.

Timeline

1. The project will be completed by the end of the year.
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REE/ARS WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORTS- NVC
For FAR-B June 13, 2006

The **REE Weekly Activity Report** is sent out from the Undersecretary to the Department, and documents "Key Department News", "Outstanding Media Issues", and "Freedom of Information Requests". The **ARS Weekly Activity Report** comes from the ARS Administrator, and covers the same information for ARS only. Items in the ARS report may find their way into the REE report. This is an opportunity to increase the visibility and appreciation of NVC activities within both the Department, and ARS.

The following summarizes the initial published submission since I became Director, and seven items submitted June 12, 2006.

I. KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS – PAST (Published on date)

PUBLISHED in ARS Weekly Activity Report Dated May 10, 2006

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Hosts University Delegation from India: On April 24, the ARS National Visitor Center, in conjunction with the ARS Office of International Research Programs, Beltsville, MD, hosted a delegation from Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University. The delegation was led by S. Raghu Vardhan Reddy, the university's vice chancellor. ARS signed a memorandum of understanding with the university in 2002.

SUBMITTED for Publication June 12, 2006

- 1) On June 6, the ARS National Visitor Center, through Foreign Agriculture Service, hosted a high-level delegation from eight countries within the European Union and the Former Soviet Union. The delegation included the Deputy Director of the Swedish Ministry of Environment; the Deputy Director for the Denmark Division for Sustainability and Environment; the Assistant to the Secretary General of the Turkish Feed Manufacturers Association; the Communications Chief for French Food Safety Agency; and the Special Advisor to the Deputy First Minister, Scottish Executive. The delegation was interested in regulatory and trade related policies concerning genetically modified foods and overall food safety.
- 2) On June 7, the ARS National Visitor Center hosted the first of a series of seven visits by FFA Advisors from all over the nation. The FFA offers high school classes, and high school and collegiate activities to prepare students for leadership and careers in agriculture. The National Visitor Center Staff, in conjunction with Beltsville Area scientists, provided a hands-on DNA extraction activity plus information on other ARS research projects the advisors can take back to their classrooms. By the end of the summer, ARS will have hosted nearly 300 FFA advisors through this program who will in turn relay ARS program information to 3000 or more high school agriculture students across the country.

- 3) On June 7, the ARS National Visitor Center assisted with the coordination of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center Agricultural Air Quality Workshop, hosted by the ARS Environmental Management and By Products Utilization Laboratory. More than 100 multinational visitors participated in the workshop through The Ecological Society of America.
- 4) On June 8, the ARS National Visitor Center provided a tour of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center for attendees of the National Agricultural Library's Animal Welfare Information Center workshop. The attendees consisted of a diverse group from across the U.S., including veterinarians and military personnel.
- 5) On June 8, the ARS National Visitor Center hosted a Central Intelligence Agency class through the Sherman Kent School for Intelligence Analysis. The group consisted of analysts who study threats to U.S. economic security from a wide range of issues and countries, including China, Russia, and the European Union. The group was interested in bio-weapons, biotechnology, food security, and cooperative agreements through the ARS Office of International Research Programs.
- 6) On June 8, the ARS National Visitor Center hosted a non-government delegation from Thailand through the Royal Thai Embassy and the ARS Office of International Research Programs. The purpose of the visit was to learn about ARS systems of research management as well as current ARS research programs.
- 7) On June 9, the ARS National Visitor Center hosted international librarians from twenty countries via the U.S. State Department. The librarians work at U.S. embassies, providing information about America to citizens of their respective countries. National Visitor Center staff developed a tour program that included an overview of U.S. agriculture and ARS research, as well as a demonstration of the National Agricultural Library online information resources.

**Minutes of the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, June 13, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

Attendee's: Darwin Murrell, Vernon Pursel, Jim Butcher, Allan Stoner, Phil Kearney, Ralph Bram, David Chitwood, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Wanda Collins, Freddi Hammerschlag, Diane Odland Henry Becker, James Anderson

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D Murrell
- B. Commentes – Commentes Collins, Representing BARC Director
 - Phyllis was back in North Dakota taking care of an ailing mother**
 - BARC Leadership Team working on future plans**
- C. John Peter Thompson, CEO of Benke's Nurseries, INC., The BARC ALLIANCE
 - John Peter will need help with the Alliance**
 - Will meet with an important stakeholders to find one or more that will support and lead the BA**
 - Jim Butcher and Jim Anderson will help get information for JPT**
- D. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene
 - Passed out an impressive list of accomplishments and goals. Jennifer has hit the road running. FAR-B looks forward to working with her and the Vistor Center.**

II. Reports

- A. Secretary's Report – J. Anderson
 - Minutes of the May meeting were approved as amended in email messages.**
- B. Treasurer - Vern Pursel
 - Passed out the latest numbers. FAR-B is solvent**
 - FAR-B has a total of \$103,070 available. However, about \$15,000 will be removed for the the 3 research grant proposals that were approved (see below) and \$20,000 for the Travel Awards. CD's need to be cashed in order to pay for the \$35,000.**
 - The Klurfeld Research Fund has \$75,072 (not included in the FAR-B funds.**
 - Self accounts contain \$75,085**
 - June 7th Workshop on Blastocyst Culture for Stem Cells that FAR-B co-sponsored with Biotechnology and Germplasm Lab, ANRI, was highly successful with 12 registrants.**
- C. Awards/Grants – Ralph Bram (Decisions on Grant Proposals)
 - Three grant proposals were funded (Lawrence, Rowland, and Meinhardt)**
- D. BARC Alliance – Jim Butcher
 - See above for JPT**
- E. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood
 - No pressing issues**
 - Helped clarify the Landscaping issues**
- F. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
 - Contributions were down about 25% from years past. There were 33 contributors.**
- G. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher

Minutes of the
Friends of Agilent and Hewlett - Deloitte, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Agenda
Meeting Date
Meeting Time
Meeting Location

1. Introduction
The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 10:00 AM in the Board Room, 1000 California Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, CA 94109. The meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the California Corporations Code and the company's Bylaws.

- A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - 10:05 AM
- B. Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting - 10:10 AM
- C. Presentation of the 2010 Annual Report - 10:15 AM
- D. Presentation of the 2010 Financial Statements - 10:30 AM
- E. Presentation of the 2010 Environmental, Social and Governance Report - 10:45 AM
- F. Presentation of the 2010 Compensation Report - 11:00 AM
- G. Presentation of the 2010 Sustainability Report - 11:15 AM
- H. Presentation of the 2010 Diversity and Inclusion Report - 11:30 AM
- I. Presentation of the 2010 Human Rights Report - 11:45 AM
- J. Presentation of the 2010 Anti-Corruption Report - 12:00 PM
- K. Presentation of the 2010 Cybersecurity Report - 12:15 PM
- L. Presentation of the 2010 Privacy Report - 12:30 PM
- M. Presentation of the 2010 Intellectual Property Report - 12:45 PM
- N. Presentation of the 2010 Tax Report - 1:00 PM
- O. Presentation of the 2010 Legal Report - 1:15 PM
- P. Presentation of the 2010 Compliance Report - 1:30 PM
- Q. Presentation of the 2010 Risk Management Report - 1:45 PM
- R. Presentation of the 2010 Information Security Report - 2:00 PM
- S. Presentation of the 2010 Data Protection Report - 2:15 PM
- T. Presentation of the 2010 Access and Information Report - 2:30 PM
- U. Presentation of the 2010 Transparency Report - 2:45 PM
- V. Presentation of the 2010 Accountability Report - 3:00 PM
- W. Presentation of the 2010 Integrity Report - 3:15 PM
- X. Presentation of the 2010 Ethics Report - 3:30 PM
- Y. Presentation of the 2010 Fairness Report - 3:45 PM
- Z. Presentation of the 2010 Justice Report - 4:00 PM

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- 2. Presentation of the 2010 Leadership Report - 4:30 PM
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- 5. Presentation of the 2010 Senior Management Report - 5:15 PM
- 6. Presentation of the 2010 Middle Management Report - 5:30 PM
- 7. Presentation of the 2010 Frontline Management Report - 5:45 PM
- 8. Presentation of the 2010 Employee Report - 6:00 PM
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H. Legislative Outreach – Jim Butcher

-is in contact with Hoyer's office on many issues

I. Membership Stoner/Pursel/Thrush

-There are now over 400 names on the list.

-Stoner will maintain the list and email updated copies to the Secretary so we have a backup copy.

-Mailing effort to recruit new members to be made in September or October.

L. Publicity Committee – Hank Becker

-Will get the latest News Letter out by the end of the month

-Needs to get information on the Research Awards

-Will write up news on FAR-B getting the Silver Presidential Volunteer Award. Jim Butcher was to send info from Beltsville News story

III. Old Business

Landscaping at BARC (including Building 230) – Stoner/Anderson

-Alan Stoner talked with Rob Griesbach about the BARC Landscaping Committee. Dr. Johnson has resurrected the committee.

-FAR-B will not lead the landscaping committee but will try to partially fund the landscaping that BARC seems necessary.

- FAR-B will wait for requests from BARC Management for funding

IV. New Business

Fund request from Larry Sikora

-The Board unanimously approved the funding for this conference.

-Discussed if FAR-B was interested in having Wills donate funds to FAR-B. The Board is in favor of this, but the folks writing the wills need to have this spelled out clearly in the Will.

-Fund Raisers – Freddie Hammerschlag will present a plan for generating funds in the fall, possibly through plant sells, etc.

-Discussed an MOU between BARC and other organizations concerning the different ecological sites at BARC and adjoining properties???

Reported on FAR-H regarding The President's Silver Jubilee Award. Three FAR-H members (Gina Edmund, Pat Allen and Jim Anderson) also received Presidential / Jubilee Award.

H. Legislative Committee - Jim Parker

- is in contact with Hester's office on many issues.

I. Administration / Legal / Budget

- There are now over 400 names on the list.

- Hester will maintain the list and send physical copies to the Secretary as we have a backup copy.

- Including effort to recruit new members to be made in September or October.

I. Public / Committee - Mark Taylor

- Will get the latest FAR-H letter out by the end of the month.

- Needs to get information on the Jubilee Award.

- Will write up news on FAR-H getting the Silver Jubilee Award. Jim Hester was to send info from Hester's news story.

III.

Old Business

Emergency in HAH: Funding Gap - Jim Anderson

- After Hester talked with Tom Gresham about the HAH, Emergency Committee. Hester has presented the committee.

- HAH will get the funding committee but will try to partially fund the Emergency Committee HAH seems necessary.

- HAH will ask for request from HAH. (Management) for funding.

IV.

New Business

Fund raised from 1 day show.

- The Board announced support for the funding for the committee.

- Hester is FAR-H was involved in having 7000 dollar funds to FAR-H. The Board is in favor of that but the full committee will need to have the report out early in the fall.

- Fund Hester - Funding Emergency will present a plan for generating funds in the fall.

- Hester through phone with Hester.

- Hester and an MIT business HAH and other organizations concerning the different.

- Hester will be HAH and asking properties??

Minutes of the September 13, 2006
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, September 12, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

Attendee's: Phil Kearney, Jim Smith, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Susan Fugate, David Chitwood, Freddi Hammerschlag, Jim Butcher, Essex Finney, Ron Korchak, Hank Becker, Darwin Murrell, Vernon Pursel, Allan Stoner, and James Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D Murrell

Announced that Veron Pursel was elected into the ARS Hall-of-Fame. Ceremony will be Wednesday night.

a. Ron Korcak, BARC Associate Director reported on the conditions at BARC. An all-hands meeting will be held this week (September 15, 2006 or as soon as possible) to talk about buyouts to reduce the staff at BARC by 150 to 200 employees. Buy outs will be on a first come, first serve basis. Employees accepting buyouts will be retired by mid-February so that enough funds will be available to pay for the \$25,000 buyout and other benefits. No SES employees can participate, however, super grade scientists can.

60% of the 166 CRIS projects cannot meet salary, IRC and the \$25,000 all other funds necessary to do the research.

A new Facility Manager was selected. She will start in mid-October.

b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene indicated she will start a rotation of exhibits at the Visitor Center. The Visitor Center will host over 100 participants from the National Restaurant Association.

Brought up the idea that FAR-B might be asked to help with general tours. Darwin told her to make a formal request. Vernon Pursel will send her the request form.

c. National Agricultural Library—Susan Fugate is the Head of the Special Collections at NAL. She spoke about the different collections and activities her section is doing. **She would like to collaborate with FAR-B on some future events. Vernon Pursel will send her the request form.**

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report – J. Anderson,

The minutes of the June Minutes were approved as amended by email suggestions.

B. Treasurer - Vern Pursel

The budget was presented, we are solvent. Vern talked about some of the problems he has had giving money to BARC. It seems that once he is told what to do, someone else tells him something different. **BARC needs to help us straighten this out. Vern is spending too much of his time figuring out how to pass money to BARC and there are too many road blocks.**

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Hansmeyer, Jim Butler, Peter Lewis, Ron Karcher, Hank Becker, David Storch, Vernon
Pined, Allan Storch, and James Anderson
I. Announcements

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Dr. Mott
Announced that Vernon Pined was elected into the ARS Hall of Fame. Ceremony will be
Wednesday night.
a. Hank Karcher, BARR Associate Director reported on the conditions at
BARR. An all-hands meeting will be held this week (September 13, 2006) or as soon as
possible to talk about programs to reduce the staff at BARR by 150 to 200 employees. Buy-outs
will be on a first come, first serve basis. Employees receiving buy-outs will be retired by mid-
February so that enough funds will be available to pay for the \$25,000 program and other benefits.
The 252 employees that participate, however, support events on campus.
50% of the 100 CRIS projects cannot meet salary, IHC and the \$25,000 all other funds necessary
to do the research.

A new Facility Manager was selected. She will start in mid-July.
b. Vernon's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene indicated she will start a rotation of exhibits
in the Vernon Center. The Vernon Center will host over 100 participants from the National
Restaurant Association.

Throughout the day that IAH-B might be asked to help with general issues. It seems that
but to make a certain request. Vernon Pined will lead the request team.

c. National Agricultural Library - Susan Fugate is the Head of the Special Collections in
NAL. She works with the different collections and activities her section is doing. The goal is
to make a collection with IAH-B on some future project. Vernon Pined will lead the
request team.

II. Old Business and Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - J. Anderson
The minutes of the June Minutes were approved as presented by email. Suggestions
B. Treasurer - Vernon Pined
The budget was presented, we were asked, we were asked about the problems he has had
giving money to BARR. It seems that once he is told what to do, someone else tells him
something different. He needs to help us straighten this out. We are spending too much
of his time figuring out how to get money to BARR and there are too many road blocks.

The increase in funds during the last couple of months were the result of contributions in memory of John Moseman.

- C. Awards/Grants Committee Recommendations – Phil Kearney presented the recommendation of the committee composed of Phil Kearney, Bill Wergin and Ralph Bram (Chair).

The committee recommends that Professional Travel Grants totaling \$20,000 be proportionately allocated to the three BARC institutes according to their approximate number of SYs. These funds are to be used specifically for scientist travel to cooperating laboratories and professional meetings and will be administered by the Institute Directors as follows: \$9,000 to the Plant Sciences Institute (including the Floral and Nursery Plants Group); \$7,000 to the Animal and Natural Resources Institute; and \$4,000 to the Human Nutrition Institute. Requests for travel grants should be made directly to the appropriate Institute Director. Grant recipients should be made aware that their travel is being sponsored by FAR-B and the Institute Directors will be requested to send FAR-B a report at the end of the year on how the funds were allocated. The report should include: (1) name of recipient; (2) amount of the award; (3) recipient's laboratory; and (4) purpose of the travel.

In view of FAR-B's limited budget, the committee recommends that the Awards Program for Scientists and Innovative Ideas be suspended until additional resources can be generated for this purpose. When this program is resumed, criteria for the award applications, their evaluation, and reporting of results will be developed.

Jim Butcher moved that this recommendation be approved. Someone seconded the motion. There was little discussion before the Board unanimously approved the proposal.

Vern Pursel stated that there will be \$20,000 available early in the next fiscal year to support travel.

- D. BARC Alliance – Jim Butcher

Jim indicated there is still much to do to get the alliance really moving. John Peter Thompson has been working hard on this, but needs more help. **It was recommended that Darwin, Essex and Jim Butcher meet with Phyllis Johnson, John Peter and Jim Wood during the next week to make plans. (According to email traffic, the meeting is already set up)**

- E. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood had nothing to report that was not already mentioned.

- F Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

Phil indicated we needed to get the word out that the CFC was coming out and hoped that more employees would contribute to FAR-B. Apparently, employees do not realize they can be members of FAR-B. Somehow the organization is still a secret unless the Labs want funds for refreshments or travel..

- G. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher

Jim B. announced that Poultry Facility was dedicated and had a good turnout.

Also FAR-B will be working with the BES again this year. There is a meeting on Oct. 3 that Jim B. Allan Stoner and Jim A plan to attend to start arranging this years program.

H. Member ship Committee- A Stoner

Has an updated list with many email addresses.

Alan will contact all the ID's to see if they will help promote FAR-B. Possibly, a FAR-B member will be able to attend the Institute meeting to discuss FAR-B.

I. Publicity Committee – Hank Becker

The newsletter recently went out.

III. New Business

A. Plant sale initiative—F Hammerschlag

Freddie has been in contact with Behnke's Nursery to see about a plant sell. She did a great deal of preliminary work and was able to make a proposal to have a poinsettia sell.

Anderson moved that we proceed with a poinsettia sell. This was seconded. There was a little discussion before the motion was unanimously approved. Time is a restraint. Freddie will need some help in setting this up.

Also F&B will be working with the IRS a little this year. There is a meeting on Oct 31st that if it goes down and the IRS plan is to get out of the business, the IRS will be there.

12. Meeting with the IRS - 11/1/82

There is a meeting with the IRS on 11/1/82.

Then will contact with the IRS on 11/1/82. Will only discuss F&B. Possibly, a F&B-B member will be able to attend the meeting. Meeting is on 11/1/82.

13. Publicity Committee - 11/1/82

The publicity committee will meet on 11/1/82.

14. New Business

A. Publicity Committee - 11/1/82

Publicity has been in contact with Publicity's Committee to see about a public sale. The did a great deal of work and was able to make a commitment to have a public sale.

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OCTOBER '06 MINUTES

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, October 10, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

ATTENDEE'S: David Chitwood, Dianne Odlund, Allan Stoner, Hank Becker, Tom Sexton, Bill Wergin, Vern Pursel, Jim Butcher, Freddi Hammerschlag, Ralph Bram Phil Kearney

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Bill Wergin

1. Tom Sexton representing BARC Director – Talked about the bleak outlook for BARC in the coming few years unless the Alliance produces some results. Explained that buyout authority for 160 employees who are eligible for retirement or early out. Each employee costs about \$90,000. This amounts to about \$14 million. Some of these positions are essential and will need to be replaced. Unfortunately, hiring a new SY under FERS costs substantially more than under the older CSRS.
2. Outreach – D. Odland discussed the BES science enrichment program. The program is being planned and will be concerning plants. There will be four sections: Nutrition, uses, general botany, and environment. A FAR-B member will head each section.

II. Old Business and Reports

- A. Secretary's Report – J. Anderson – Minutes from the September meeting were approved.
- B. Treasurer - Vern Pursel – We are solvent. Two CD's were cashed and the funds from one were placed in the checking account and the funds from the second placed in the money market account. We have about \$40,000 available to work with.
- A CD in the SELF account is coming due and will be transferred to a higher interest rate CD of 5.3%.
- C. Awards/Grants Committee Recommendations – Ralph Bram – Nothing to report.
- D. BARC Alliance – J. Butcher

Jim Butcher briefed everyone on the progress of the Alliance. A meeting will be held November 17, 2006 at the College Park Holiday Inn. Jim reported that a package* had been mailed to the "A" list of invitees. The A. list includes 25 names recommended by Institute Directors. This 25 may form the core body of stakeholder support. They may hold the key to a successful drive to protect and sustain BARC.

The mailing includes research impacts booklet, a summary of BARC information prepared essentially by BARC and John Peter Thompson, an invitation to the meeting, and directions to the College Park Holiday Inn, where the meeting will both begin and end. It was recommended that Darwin and Essex should represent FAR-B.

After the opening at the Holiday Inn, participants will move to BARC.

After some discussion, it was suggested that John Peter Thompson contact 4 to 6 of the most prominent individuals and have a conference call to do some strategizing before the November 6 meeting.

The Board discussed the program and strongly suggested that more time be made available to strategize, plan and talk instead of touring. The Board suggested that Tom Sexton and Dave Chitwood should relay this to Dr. Johnson and to John Peter.

There was some talk of just limiting the meeting to the few folks on the so called "A" list. However, no real recommendation was made. The "B" list needs to be worked on to make sure the addresses are correct and get this out in a timely fashion.

Tom Sexton expressed the view that the upcoming stakeholders meeting presents a golden opportunity--perhaps the single best opportunity--to launch an effective "alliance" to support and sustain the future of BARC.

E. Plant Sale- Freddi Hammerschlag Freddi arranged for a poinsettias sell. FAR-B is buying these for \$7 each and selling at \$12. We are already getting orders. Freddi is going to need volunteers to help handle these plants when they are delivered on December 6, 2006 at the Log Lodge.

The Board approved \$100 to place an ad in the Beltsville News about the Poinsettias sell.

E. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood – Tom Sexton covered the things he was to present

F Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney- This is coming up. We need to send a representative to each Institute and talk about FAR-B membership and CFC (7991). The Board approved to purchase 100 copies of the flier for \$40.

G. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher- This was covered earlier by Dianne Odlund.

H. Member ship Committee- A Stoner- Continuing to work on the membership list.

I. Publicity Committee – Hank Becker- Send news items to Hank.

III. New Business

NONE

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Jim Adams

Jim Butcher

Freddie Hammerschlag

Jim Smith

Jennifer Woodward-Greene

Phil Kearney

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Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

Bill Wergin and Darwin have asked me to distributed these minutes in the absence of Jim Anderson, who will be taking his Thanksgiving delicacies in the land of India.

Many thanks to Bill for pulling all this together.

Blessings, Jim

Minutes FAR-B Board of Director's Meeting, November 14, 2006

Attendees: Darwin, Essex Finney, Al Stoner, Freddi Hammerschlag, Phil Kearney, Dave Chitwood, Tom Sexton, Jim Smith, Jim Butcher, John Peter Thompson (guest), Vern Pursel, Bill Wergin, Hank Becker and Al Piring (guest)

Jim Butcher introduced John Peter who indicated that as many as 40 participants were expected at the organizational meeting to establish an Alliance. Hopes that a steering committee will be established so that they can begin to schedule meetings with the appropriate Congressional staffs. May need help for the BARC tours.

Tom Sexton: 1) NRI has picked up 7 NRI grants which has helped the financial situation in that institute. 2) The "buy-out" program has been approved through the end of January. About 330 employees are eligible at BARC; 160 positions have been approved. In February, research programs will be re-evaluated to determine if specific programs can be shored up. 3) Univ. MD and BARC are discussing the advantages of combining dairy herds and field operations. Both parties could save as much as one million dollars.

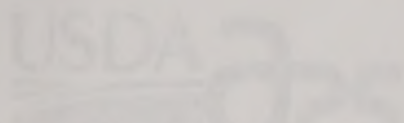
Vern: See handout of the November Treasurers report.

Freddi: Poinsettia sale ran into some "ethics" problems. Consequently, follow-up notices could not be sent out. About 400 plants have been sold. The ad in the paper did not generate any sales.

Dave Chitwood: Nothing to add to Tom Sexton's comments.

Phil Kearney – CFC. BARC has 285 Sys in 33 laboratories. Each lab will get flyers for each SY. Reduction in revenue for current year was due to "Katrina".

Jim Butcher: Community out-reach. Jim Smith, Freddi and Jim Anderson are scheduled to present "Uses of Plants" scheduled for May 7-10.



Al Stoner - Membership. A letter has been written that will be sent to a few hundred prospective members.

Hank Becker – Web Site. New web site needs in-put from BOD members for a complete revision of the web page Jim Plaskowitz, Jim Anderson and Hank Becker will coordinate this effort.

New Business: Brochures have begun to arrive soliciting funds/assistance for neighboring county science fairs. We will need 8 judges (2 in each of 4 categories) to judge a fair. If this can be arranged we will judge 4 counties and present awards. Al Stoner moved and was seconded that we will not purchase ads in the programs but will limit our support to judging and awards for the contestants.

The Board determined that there will be a December meeting.



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Holiday Open House Program

Holiday Tree Drop-off	4:00-4:30 pm
Open House	4:30-6:00 pm
Morning Holiday Tree removal (including breakfast dish)	10:00-12:00
Cashio Walk	12:00-2:00
Williams, Virginia	2:00
Admission Holiday Tree removal (breakfast included dish)	2:00-4:00



Through the Center

Welcome to the Holiday Open House, Tour and Cookie Walk!

Welcome to the Holiday Open House, Tour, and Cookie Walk—the first of what we hope will become an annual event! Enjoy your visit, share holiday sweets, and learn something new about our great agency. The visitor center staff wants to thank you for all you do in research and support to make ARS a success! You give us great stories to tell the thousands of visitors who come to learn about ARS each year from all over the country and the world.

Thanks especially to those who help us tell the stories by meeting with visitors and the many men and women who take on the challenge of keeping the 70-year-old historic Log Lodge looking good and running smoothly. We also want to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about what services we provide to ARS and its customers and some new things on the horizon.

As most of you know, the National Visitor Center staff is part of ARS Information Staff at Headquarters. We are privileged to have a team of professional exhibit designers, graphic artists, photographers, writers, and editors on staff.

You can see the fruits of their labor in our 19 new exhibit panels installed just last month. This team is available to all of ARS—including you! In addition, the National Visitor Center is fortunate to have information specialists Jeanette Baylor, Jay Green and Rosannah Taylor—each with years of experience—to tell people from all walks of life and from all over the world the critical effect and importance of ARS research.

New!

Change is afoot at your National Visitor Center! We're focused on providing an information exchange forum for key stakeholders and ARS staff. Developing and maintaining these relationships is essential to ARS as resources are stretched.

A crucial step to that goal is to improve our interactions with other ARS employees, both locally and nationwide, and to let them know about their opportunities "Through the Center". We're in the preliminary stages of planning real-time or virtual audio tours or both. And we're ramping up outreach to groups that are traditionally under-represented.

Holiday Open House Program

Holiday Treat Drop-off	9:30-12:00
Open House	9:30-4:30
Morning Holiday Tour- reserved tickets at reception desk.	10:00-12:00
Cookie Walk	12:00-2:00
Welcome, remarks	1:00
Afternoon Holiday Tour- reserved tickets at reception desk.	2:00-4:00

Crucial Connections for ARS and You

The ARS National Visitor Center makes crucial connections with stakeholders and others interested in ARS research, including domestic agricultural groups, other Federal agencies, international dignitaries, embassy personnel, student groups—from U.S. land-grant and other universities and from colleges and universities overseas—as well as consumers and other interested persons.

Much preparation goes into planning a successful visit. Information specialists research and develop a unique program tailored to the interests of each individual group. No two tour programs are alike; therefore all programs are by appointment only. But we have just added the “Open General Tour” available on the first four Thursdays of the month, which will allow us to accommodate visitors just discovering ARS while visiting the local area.

Some of the Visitors in the Past Six Months

- National Restaurant Association (80 members)
- Farm Bureau groups (State, regional, and international) for at least 100 members
- 300 FFA advisers from all over the nation (in a series of 7 individually tailored visits)—who will share ARS research with well over 9,000 U.S. high school agriculture students
- Attendees at ARS national program workshops—Animal Welfare and Air Quality
- APHIS and FSIS employee training program
- USDA Interns
- USDA-sponsored students from 1890 universities
- Johns Hopkins Edible World Program
- Biotechnology Science Camp
- 4H and other youth science programs
- FAS-sponsored visits for officials from several countries
- CIA Sherman Kent School for Intelligence Analysis
- U.S. State Department international librarians

representing 20 U.S. embassies

- Israeli Minister of Agriculture
- Baghdad University professors (a fascinating visit).

NVC Staff Working for You!

Thank you to ARS National Visitor Staff who made today's Holiday program possible! Jeanette Baylor: Holiday Tour program and development; Rosannah Taylor: Holiday decorations and Cookie Walk, Open House Host; Jay Green: Audio program development, Open House Host; Jennifer Woodward-Greene, program editor, Open House Host., Lorraine Thompson: reception.

Our Mission

The mission of the ARS Information Staff is to inform the Nation of the nature and progress of ARS research through a coordinated, multi-media approach. The Staff creates and disseminates materials to both the mass media and diverse user groups representing consumers, farmers, industry, government, scientists, and educators. The Staff responds promptly and effectively to changing demands for information, so as to inform Congress and taxpayers of the benefits derived from Agency research and speed the flow of new technology to the public and private sectors.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, December 12, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D Murrell
 - a. Phyllis Johnson, BARC Director
 - b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Reports

- A Secretary's report- Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's report - Vern Pursel
- C. BARC Alliance report– Jim Butcher
- D. Plant Sale Initiative- Freddi Hammerschlag
- E.. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood
- F. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
- G. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher/Diane Odland
- H. Member ship Committee- A Stoner
- I. Publicity Committee – Hank Becker

III. New Business

- A. Request from Community Supported Agriculture- R Korcak?
- B. Bequest from John Moseman's estate.
- C. Update on revamping FZAR-B web page- J Anderson and H Becker.

Minutes of
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, December 12, 2006 - 12:00 NOON

Attendee's:

Jim Butcher, Freddi Hammerschlag, Jim Smith, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Phil Kearney, David Chitwood, Ralph Bram, Essex Finney, Allan Stoner, Hank Becker, Vernon Pursel, Darwin Murrell, Ron Korcak and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D Murrell

a. Ronald, BARC Associate Director

Reported that Drs. Don Erbach, Rick Wilson, and John Radin are retiring from NPS. Also reported that Dr. Radin is very ill with leukemia and is not responding well to chemotherapy. The Mid West Area is recruiting an Associate Director; BARC has a new Facilities Director, Tracy Wilson from DOS. Tracy is an engineer.

Buyout authority was granted. Can have up to 160 buyouts, but only 56 have signed up so far. Of these, 17 are "SY's which includes 4 or 5 Cat IV's.

Agency is still operating on a Continuing Resolution until February 15, 2007. Also, there is a 5% across the board reduction. Things could get very bad if there is not a budget.

CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) might be reinitiated at BARC if enough people sign up. The farmer needs to sell 30 subscriptions at \$400 each. Each subscription will receive a box of fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, etc. from the farmer for 20 weeks starting May 20 and ending September 30, 2007. This is open to employees and retiree's. (handout)

We will be hearing more about the interest in the CSA from Ron after then New Year.

b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene (handout)

Reported about a Holiday Tour to be held on December 13, 2006. Tours will be held at 10 and 2.

Anyone can request a tour of BARC through the Visitor Center. To get specific tours, one must make advanced arrangements. However, there are Open General Tours on the first four Thursdays of the month.

The Visitor Center hosts thousands of visitors each year.

II. Old Business and Reports

A Secretary's report- Jim Anderson

Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

B. Treasurer's report - Vern Pursel (handout)

This past month FAR-B had \$2,300 in contributions. Two thousand dollars of this came from Mrs. Moseman and the rest from contributions made in memory to Dr. Moseman.

Far-B has about \$64,000 available to carry out its programs.

C. BARC Alliance report- Jim Butcher

The November meeting was a good success (handout of participants). Articles of incorporation (AOI) were developed by Markian Melnyk. The AOI have been filed and approved. An organizing committee has been formed. There will be a meeting of the Alliance immediately following the BOD meeting. John Peter will attend and update the committee.

D. Plant Sale Initiative- Freddi Hammerschlag

135 plants were sold and FAR-B netted about \$600. This was outstanding considering we had only one announcement sent out. Next year we will have to handle all the advertising because of ethical issues the CFC.

FAR-B gave Freddi and John Peter Thompson a big thank you.

E.. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

Nothing more than Ron Korcak presented.

F. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

CFC kickoff at BARC was on November 15th. FAR-B had a table and all the brochures were taken. Hopefully, we will get some new members.

G. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher/Diane Odland

Jim Butcher talked about the Science Enrichment Program that FAR-B will sponsor at BES next May.

H. Member ship Committee- A Stoner

About 36 letters were sent out to prospective members this past month. We received 4 new members from this activity. Next month more letters will be sent out. One of the problems is having the current address. Several letters were returned because of incorrect addresses.

I. Publicity Committee – Hank Becker

Hank is working on the next news letter. It will be out early next year.

III. New Business

A. Request from Community Supported Agriculture- R Korcak?

Already covered by Dr. Korcak.

B. Bequest from John Moseman's estate.

Dawin will send a letter to Mrs. Moseman thanking her for donation and that we will let her know how the money will be spent early next year. (letter already sent).

C. Update on revamping the FAR-B web page- J Anderson and H Becker.

Anderson and Becker will continue to work to get the web site updated. If we stay with ARS to help, we will have to follow all the rules of ARS. Anderson will see how this will look. Hopefully, we will have a mockup of the proposed site by the next meeting in January.

II. Minutes of Committee - A Short

As the committee has not yet received a response to the letter, it is necessary to have a meeting to discuss the matter. The committee is planning to meet on the 15th of the month. It is hoped that the committee will be able to reach a decision by the 15th of the month.

III. Public Committee - Item 1

There is nothing in the next news letter. It will be out early next year.

IV. New Members

A. Minutes from Committee - 20th March 1964

Minutes received by the committee.

B. Minutes from the committee's report.

There will be a letter to the committee regarding the committee and the committee will be asked to report on the committee's report. The committee will be asked to report on the committee's report. The committee will be asked to report on the committee's report.

C. Minutes on receiving the 1964-65 report - 19th March and 11th March.

Minutes and report will continue to work to get the report and report. It is hoped that the committee will be able to reach a decision by the 15th of the month. It is hoped that the committee will be able to reach a decision by the 15th of the month.

**Minutes of
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, January 9, 2007 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D Murrell

a. Phyllis Johnson, BARC Director

There were 59 employees, including 15 SY's that took buyouts. The buy out program closes on 1/16/07 and there are 101 available slots still remaining. There are indications that a couple of more employees will accept the buy out. It is anticipated that about 1/3 of the positions will need to be refilled. Many of these will be by redirection.

NPS wants a reorganization plan by the end of January. Phyllis will brief FAR-B on the reorganization next month.

There is a retirement dinner for Walter Rawls on Jan 23. Cost is \$30.

Orville Lavander is retiring and there will be a symposium for him later.

John Radin, NPL retired. There will be a reception for him. John has leukemia and will enter hospice care. Phyllis Johnson will send information about the date for John's Party.

National Agriculture Day, March 21, 2007, the first day of spring. Does FAR-B want to do anything? FAR-B will see what the Visitor Center is going to do and then maybe participate with them. In the future, Freddie suggested we hold poster day on this date.

The University of Maryland would like to combine their dairy herd located at Clarksville to BARC's dairy. Combining the dairies would save both institutions money. BARC might save up to \$1 million per year by combining.

BARC's centennial is only 3 years away. What can FAR-B do to help?

b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

There have been about 3,200 visitors to the Visitor Center since Jennifer came 9 months ago. Jennifer is analyzing the data to see what visitors want and who is impacted.

II. Old Business and Reports

A Secretary's report- Jim Anderson

Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

B. Treasurer's report - Vern Pursel

FAR-B is still in good financial shape. However, our income is still less than our expenses. Some of the income in December came from new members.

The Kurfeld fund is slowly being used.

The SELF fund continues to grow. Darwin has asked Alma Solis, RL of SEL, to come to the February BOD meeting and explain what SEL plans to do with the \$'s.

A motion was made by Ralph Bram and seconded by Al Stoner that FAR-B donate \$20,000 to BARC and distributed between the Institutes to support SY travel, provided Dr. Johnson doesn't think there is a higher priority for the funds. Darwin will contact Phyllis to get her wishes. The institutes will determine who gets the funds. The motion passed unanimously. Funds can be made available in February. Phyllis needs to ask the Institutes to make sure they notify FAR-B on who was awarded the funds how the funds were used in a short paragraph.

Since the meeting, Darwin contacted Dr. Johnson, and she replied back that she agrees that the travel fund is the best use of the \$20,000.

Last year, Mrs. Moseman gave \$2,000 to FAR-B. In addition, about \$1,000 was donated to FAR-B in the name of John Moseman. **A motion was made by Phil Kearney and seconded to fund a summer intern with the funds from Mrs. Moseman in the name of Dr. John Moseman. During the discussion, Essex Finney amended the motion to include all funds donated in memory of Dr. Moseman be used to almost fully fund the intern to work in plant pathology and/or plant breeding. Al Stoner seconded the amendment. Phil will work with Al Stoner and Jim Anderson to make the arrangements. The amended motion was unanimously passed.**

Since the meeting, Darwin has sent a letter to Mrs. Moseman informing her of our decision.

C. BARC Alliance report— Jim Butcher

John Peter discussed the latest information concerning the formation of the Alliance. The name of the organization would be "National Agricultural Research Alliance--Beltsville (NARA-B)". The attorney has filed the papers and there is a Treasurer. Huge accomplishments. John Peter will meet with Congressional Staffs in mid-February. He met with Dr. Knipling for over 2 hours. This went very well. John Peter stressed that he wanted to keep the doors open between the Alliance, BARC, ARS and the Department. John Peter doesn't want to blindside anyone.

The Wall Street Journal still wants to do a story on John Peter. But he wants them to focus on BARC and the Alliance.

FAR-B may need to give testimony to Congress. This testimony would then be shared with the Alliance. FAR-B can have a liaison role with the Alliance.

TEDCO might supply funds for lobbyists to help the Alliance as well as fund (\$15,000) some of the expenses for running the Alliance.

The Prince Georges Economic Development Commission will try to get federal grant funding to fund the Goddard, Andrews, and BARC Alliances.

Funding is needed to hire a part time Executive Director of the Alliance. About \$20,000 is needed for this.

FAR-B is not to give any funding for the Alliance. Giving funds to the Alliance could jeopardize our tax status.

The main responsibility of FAR-B *to* the Alliance is to educate and inform the Alliance.

D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

The CFC season is over. It is too early to hear how we did. Phil and Vernon are beginning to work on the paper work for next years CFC. New forms and more information is needed.

E. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

Dave got the information from the Institutes on how the travel funds were distributed and what was accomplished.

F. Community Outreach – Jim Butcher/Diane Odland

The science enrichment program for the BES is being planed. It will be held May 8, 9, and 10. Plants will be the main topic this year. There will be 4 topics: Plan Basics, Plant Uses, Plants as Food, and Environmental uses of Plants. Each class will spend 15 minutes at each station. All grades, K -6 will participate. We will be looking for FAR-B members who want to help.

G. Member ship Committee- A Stoner

Last December Al and Vernon sent out 40 letters to various BARC retirees'. They received about a half dozen positive replies. They are about to send out some more letters; hopefully they will get some more positive responses.

H. Publicity Committee/Web page – Hank Becker/ Jim Anderson

Work is progressing. This is a bigger job than originally envisioned. Hopefully, a mockup can be sent to the BOD by the next meeting.

III. New Business

A. National Ag Day- P Johnson

Already discussed above

B. Membership Directory- Ralph Bram

The membership committee will work on developing one. However, it should not go on our web site.

C. Morton Beroza – D. Murrell

Darwin got his new phone number.

Next meeting Rosanna Taylor will make soup for us.

Minutes - FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting - March 13,2007

Attendees - Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Phyllis Johnson, Phil Kearney, Darwin Murrell, Jim Smith, Allan Stoner, and Jennifer Woodward-Green

Phyllis Johnson distributed a handout that detailed the President's FY-2008 proposed budget for ARS and BARC. The ARS budget includes increases of \$19,978 M for pay costs and \$84,546 M for priority initiatives and a decrease of (\$211,950 M) for program reductions. This translates to a net cut of 10% in agency funding and a 20% cut in funding for ongoing research. The handout detailed the proposed increases/redirections/terminations that would result in gross decreases of (\$3,553,649) for BARC and (\$2,241,475) for the National Arboretum.

Phyllis gave a Power Point presentation that she had given to the BARC employees the previous week which detailed the Area's plans to deal with the FY-2007 budget situation. She indicated that BARC now has 275 SYs on the books. BARC will hold a Public Field Day on June 2, 2007.

Jennifer Woodward-Greene discussed her concerns over the Visitor Center's lack of resources to do many things that she feels needs to be done.

Jim Butcher reported that the first meeting of the BARC Alliance will be held Saturday, March 17. The Alliance plans to prepare Congressional testimony for the BARC, FY-08 funding.

A discussion was held on the emphasis of FAR-B's testimony for BARC's FY-08 funding.

Phil Kearney reported that FAR-B's application for the 2008 CFC had been submitted.

Jim Smith reported on the status of plans for the May outreach program at the Beltsville Elementary School.

Darwin Murrell reported that USDA, Under Secretary Gale Buchanan had accepted the invitation to speak at the FAR-B, May 14 Annual Meeting.

Allan Stoner reported that Robert Stewart joined FAR-B as a Sustaining Member.

Darwin Murrell has notified Mrs. John Moseman of the details of FAR-B's plans for the John Moseman summer intern.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, April 10, 2007 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D Murrell
 - a. Phyllis Johnson, BARC Director
 - b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Reports

- A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's Report- Vern Pursel
- C. BARC Alliance report/ Congressional Testimony– Jim Butcher
- D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
- E. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood
- F. Community Outreach – Jim Smith/Jim Butcher/Diane Odland
- G. Member ship Committee- A Stoner
- H. Publicity Committee/Web page – Hank Becker
- H. Annual Meeting—Darwin Murrell

III. New Business

- A. BARC Poster Day-judges
- B. Volunteer's for Visitors Center.
- C. BARC Field Day

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Thursday, April 16, 2003 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Invocation of Grace - (3 March)
- B. Pledge to the American HACR Director
- C. Vision's Center - Jennifer Henshaw-Green

II. Old Business and Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's Report - Verna Hines
- C. BARC Alliance with Congressional Leadership - Jim Hough
- D. Congressional Testimony - Verna Hines
- E. Administrator's Report - Dave Johnson
- F. <Continued> - Jim Hines and Barbara Hines Johnson
- G. Minutes of the Committee - A. Hines
- H. Publicity Committee - Verna Hines
- I. Finance Committee - Verna Hines

III. New Business

- A. BARC Future Plans - Verna Hines
- B. Vision's Center - Jennifer Henshaw-Green
- C. BARC Field Day

Minutes of the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, April 10, 2007 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D Murrell

a. Phyllis Johnson, BARC Director

The Area is still working on finishing up the last of the reorganization of the Areas. Leadership Team will meet with NPS shortly on the final details.

There will be a site visit on April 27, 2007 of the review team for the proposed National Bioagro-Defense Facility (NBAF). BARC is a member of the 5 state (DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV) consortium making the proposal. If approved, the site will be built at BARC.

Under Secretary Buchanan will visit BARC on April 12, 2007 and talk about the Farm bill and the proposed merger of ARS and EERS.

There will be an open house field day the first Saturday in June, June 2, 2007.

b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

The Visitor Center will give a tour to the Review team on April 27, 2007.

Looking for dairy judges for UM sponsored event, May 5, 2007.

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson

Minutes of the last meeting taken by Allan Stoner were approved.

B. Treasurer's Report- Vern Pursel

FAR-B is doing well. FAR-B provided a total of 30 gift certificates to middle school awardees at Prince Georges, Montgomery, and Howard Counties Science Fairs.

C. BARC Alliance report/ Congressional Testimony– Jim Butcher

The Alliance (The National Agricultural Research Alliance - Beltsville) is now in place. It's web site is www.nara-b.org.

The Alliance will be hosting a Congressional Delegation April ??, 2007

D. Combined Federal Campaign – Vernon Pursel

The CFC did well this year. FAR-B has pledges of over \$9,500. This is the most FAR-B has generated yet.

E. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

F. Community Outreach – Jim Smith/Jim Butcher/Diane Odland

The BES Science Enrichment program is almost here; May 8, 9, & 10.

Minutes of the Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Agriculture Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, April 10, 2007 - (2:00 noon)

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Invocation of Colors - D. Marshall
B. Pledge of Allegiance - D. Marshall

The Board is still working on finalizing up the list of the organization of the ARS. Leadership team will meet with VRS shortly on the final details.

There will be a site visit on April 12, 2007 of the new site for the proposed National Biological Science Center (NBCS). BARC is a member of the 2 county, MD, PA, VA and WV consortium making the proposal. It appears the site will be built at BARC.

Under Secretary Buchanan will visit BARC on April 12, 2007 and will discuss the plan and the proposed merger of ARS and BARC.

There will be a presentation held for the first 2 hours in June 2, 2007.

B. Vision & Mission - Jennifer H. Hensley, Director
The Vision Center will give a new look to the Research Center on April 23, 2007.

Leadership for this project for 1st presentation is April 2, 2007.

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Jan. Hensley

Minutes of the last meeting were approved by the Board and were signed.

B. Treasurer's Report - Jan. Hensley
BARC-B is doing well. The 1st report was a total of 10 full years and to include actual numbers as to the change in value and financial condition. Report was approved.

C. BARC Alliance Report - Congressional Testimony - Jan. Hensley
The Alliance (The National Agricultural Research Alliance) will be in place. It's a new site for research in the future.

The Alliance will be having a Congressional Delegation, April 12, 2007.

D. Congressional Delegation - Jan. Hensley

The CBO did not meet. The 1st report was a total of 10 full years and to include actual numbers as to the change in value and financial condition. Report was approved.

E. Administrative Report - Jan. Hensley

F. Community Outreach - Jan. Hensley

The BARC Science Foundation program is also in place. The 1st report was a total of 10 full years and to include actual numbers as to the change in value and financial condition. Report was approved.

G. Member ship Committee- A Stoner

Will try to increase our Associate Membership

H. Publicity Committee/Web page – Hank Becker

Needs information for the News Letter.

H. Annual Meeting—Darwin Murrell

The Annual Meeting will be held May 14, 2007. Under Secretary Buchanan will be the speaker. He will speak about BARC. Dr. P. Johnson will help with the speech.

The talk will begin at 11:00 and there will be a reception immediately following the talk. Since Dr. Buchanan talked at BARC on April 12, 2006, the meeting was moved to B-005.

Bill Wergin will send Darwin the agenda's from some previous Annual Meetings. Vernon Pursel will send out a notice to all FAR-B members.

Dave Chitwood will coordinate with the Area Office concerning room and projector needs.

III. New Business

A. BARC Poster Day-judges

Jenny Allen needs 3 judges from FAR-B for Poster Day, April 25 & 26.

B. Volunteer's for Visitors Center.

Vernon Pursel helped out on two mornings.

C. BARC Field Day

FAR-B will need space to put up a poster. Dave Chitwood "volunteered" to help get the poster printed. Darwin will design the Poster. FAR-B will also need at least 2 poster boards to show case the BES student poster winners from the Science Enrichment program sponsored by FAR-B.

- 1. The first of the committee's reports...
- 2. The second report...
- 3. The third report...
- 4. The fourth report...
- 5. The fifth report...
- 6. The sixth report...
- 7. The seventh report...
- 8. The eighth report...
- 9. The ninth report...
- 10. The tenth report...

The first report at 11:00 was the most important. It was the first report of the committee. It was the first report of the committee. It was the first report of the committee.

The second report at 11:15 was the second most important. It was the second report of the committee. It was the second report of the committee. It was the second report of the committee.

The third report at 11:30 was the third most important. It was the third report of the committee. It was the third report of the committee. It was the third report of the committee.

III. The Committee's Findings

- A. The committee found that...
- B. The committee found that...
- C. The committee found that...
- D. The committee found that...
- E. The committee found that...
- F. The committee found that...
- G. The committee found that...
- H. The committee found that...
- I. The committee found that...
- J. The committee found that...

FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH - BELTSVILLE, Inc.

P.O. Box 1061

Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061

Board Meeting

Visitor's Center

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center

Beltsville, Maryland 20705

June 12, 2007

12:00 - Call to Order and Introductions – Darwin Murrell, President

- Comments by the Beltsville Area Director - Phyllis E. Johnson
- Comments by the Visitor's Center Director-Jennifer Woodward-Greene
- Secretary's Report, Jim Andersen
- Report from Treasurer, Vern Pursel

Reports from Committees:

- Awards/Grants Program – Ralph Bram
- BARC Alliance Liaison- Jim Butcher
- Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney
- Community Outreach –Dianne Odland/ Jim Smith/Jim Butcher
- Membership Outreach - Al Stoner
- Fund Raising- Freddi Hammerschlag
- Legislative Outreach – Jim Butcher
- Publicity /Information- Hank Becker
- Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

New Business

- The President's GOLD Medal Volunteer Service Award for 2007 from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.
- BARC Field Day- postmortem.
- New FAR-B Board members.
- Newsletter.

Adjourn

FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH - BELTSVILLE, Inc.
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Board Meeting Visitor's Center

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Beltsville, Maryland 20705
June 12, 2007

- 12:00 - Call to Order and Introductions - Darwin Murrell, President
- * Comments by the Beltsville Area Director - Piyilic E. Johnson
- * Comments by the Visitor's Center Director-Jennifer Woodward-Greene
- * Secretary's Report, Jim Anderson
- * Report from Treasurer, Vern Pursel

Reports from Committees:

- * Awards/Giants Program - Ralph Bram
- * BARC Alliance Liaison- Jim Brucher
- * Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney
- * Community Outreach - Diane Odland, Jim Smith/Jim Butcher
- * Membership Outreach - Al Storer
- * Fund Raising- Fred Hammerschlag
- * Legislative Outreach - Jim Butcher
- * Publicity/Information- Hank Becker
- * Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chipwood

New Business

- * The President's Gold Medal Volunteer Service Award for 2007 from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.
- * BARC Field Day- postponed.
- * New FAR-B Board members.
- * Newsletter.

Adjourn

Minutes - June 12, 2007 FAR-B Board of Directors Meeting

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Minutes of the
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Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, September 11, 2007 - 12:00 NOON

Attendee's: Allan Stoner, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Phil Kearney, Roger Lawson, Hank Becker, Dianne Odland, Jim Smith, Jim Butcher, John Peter Thompson, Darwin Murrell, Ron Korcak, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Vernon Pursel, Dick Zimmerman, Ralph Bram, and James Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D Murrell

Several Board Members have resigned because of other activity. FAR-B thanks the following members for their service to FAR-B: Nancy Thrush, Morton Beroza, Jim Smith and Bill Wergin

a. Ron Korcak, Associate BARC Director

Reorganization of BARC is completed after last year's buyouts. All Laboratories except two are in good shape with \$40,000 to \$50,000 discretionary funds per SY. BARC is working with DOE at Morgantown to develop a research HYBRED-GASIFIER, to utilize various feed stocks (e.g., poultry manure, switch grass, plastic, wood chips, etc.) for electricity production which should contribute about 20% of BARC's needs. This unit will cost about \$47 million and utilize about 4.5 A. BARC might be paying the utility costs of the Hayden Farm, Bld 580 and who knows what else. BARC and the Agency is working on developing an "Enhanced Use Lease Agreement" (EULA). A company called "PharmAthene" would like to produce some GM goats at BARC, but, there is no EULA in place.

On Monday, September 11, 2007, Dr. Johnson gave a tour of BARC to Rep Hoyer and Senator Cardin and Secretary Johanns. This coming Saturday, September 15, 2007, John Peter Thompson, of the BARC Alliance, will host a tour of BARC with representatives of STATE and PG County politicians. FAR-B will be represented by Jim Butcher, Essex Finney, Vernon Pursel and Jim Anderson.

There will be a BioFuels Field Day on June 21, 2008.

b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

John Kucharsky. passed away. FAR-B collected about \$245 in his memory. It will be used to sponsor a summer intern at the Visitor's Center in 08.

Rosanna Taylor's detail has been extended till December, 2008.

The visitor Center needs Volunteers since Rosanna is not available

CCC Alumni would like to erect a statue at the Visitor Center. It will cost about \$25,000. Suggestion on how to raise money for it were discussed. No decisions.

Jennifer suggested that FAR-B partner with the Visitor Center to put on various workshops and Seminars for very specific and targeted groups. She has a plan (Handout). FAR-B could collect fees for putting these on. It was decided that FAR-B, if it decides to organize such an event/workshop, would take advantage of the offer to use the expertise and help of the Visitor's Center. **II. Old**

Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson

Minutes of last meeting (June 12, 2007) as presented by Allan Stoner.

B. Treasurer's Report- Vern Pursel

FAR-B has funds. One CD is coming due and this will be cashed and put into the Money Marker Account in order to have funds for good cash flow.

C. BARC Alliance report/ Congressional Testimony- Jim Butcher

The Alliance has been very busy. John Peter was responsible to getting the tour at BARC on Monday, September 10, 2007, with Rep. Hoyer, Sen. Cardin, and Sec. Johanns. He has also arranged a tour of local politicians on Saturday, September 15, 2007.

Will be working with BARC management to develop strategic plan for future support.

D. Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney

The CFC is coming up. Some discussion about increasing visibility of FAB-B's CFC.

E. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

Nothing more than presented by Ron Korcak

F. Community Outreach - Jim Smith/Jim Butcher/Diane Odland

We were saddened to learn that Jim Smith will step down from the BOD and off the Outreach committee. Jim Butcher is stepping off this committee in order to devote more time to the Alliance. Diane will contact BES and see what science program they want. The committee is considering an environmental theme.

G. Member ship Committee- A Stoner

Starting to update the membership list. Goal is to increase participation of Associate members.

H. Grants and Awards Committee- R Bram, P Kearney, Bill Wergin

No decision has been made about travel grants for BARC. Since most Laboratories have \$40,000 to \$50,000 per SY, BARC may not need the funds of travel grants. Darwin Murrell with contact Dr Johnson to discuss the need for travel support at BARC, and to request a report on the use of the funds in 07.

A summer intern in John Kucharski's name will be funded for 2008.

H. Publicity Committee/Web page - Hank Becker

Would like a copy of Dr. Robert Stewart's obituary

III. New Business

A. BARC Centennial Committee—Roger Lawson

Presented what the Committee has developed. Roger wants FAR-B to have a more active input because of the knowledge FAR-B has.

B. FAR-B Mum sale - Fredi Hammserschlag

There were 60 mums sold and made a \$214 profit. Need to develop some ideas on how to get information about getting information out to employees.

C. New Board Members—D Murrell

Welcomed 3 new members: Roger Lawson and Richard Zimmerman. A third potential member, Rex Powell, has not responded.

minutes suggested that F&B-H present with the Visitor Center to put on various workshops and seminars for very specific and targeted groups. She has a press statement. F&B-H would collect data for getting these on. It was decided that F&B-H will decide to organize such an event/workshop. Would take advantage of the offer to use the expertise and help of the Visitor Center. II. 010 Business and Reports

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B. Treasurer's Report - Vito Pangel
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Adviser Assistant in order to have funds for good case files
C. BARRC Alliance report - Congressional Testimony - Jim Fletcher
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Will be working with BARRC management to develop strategic plan for future support

D. Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kennedy
The CFC is coming up. Some discussion about increasing visibility of F&B-H & CFC.

E. Administration's Liaison - David Chiswood
Nothing new than presented by Phil Kennedy
F. Community Outreach - Jim Fletcher/Jim Fletcher/Diane O'Brien
We were scheduled to have the 2nd round will happen from the BOD and all the things
committee. Jim Fletcher is stepping off the team - he is in the 1st round. Jim Fletcher is
Allison. There will contact with and see what some program they want. The committee is
considering an early outreach event
G. Visitor ship Committee - Jim Fletcher
Starting to update the membership list. Goal is to increase participation of Associate members

H. Grants and a Grants Committee - Phil Kennedy, Phil Wagon
No deadline this time. Some small grants for BARRC. Since some of the money has
\$50,000 to \$20,000 per year. BARRC may not need the funds on hand. There is already with
contact the person to discuss the need for grant support in BARRC, and to request a review on the
one of the funds in 07.

A request letter to John Richardson's name will be drafted by June

I. Training Committee/Work Page - Phil Jackson
Would like a copy of the 1st round training document

III. New Initiatives

A. BARRC's continued commitment - Robert Johnson
Presented when the committee has developed. Rogers wants F&B-H to have a more active role
because of the knowledge F&B-H has
B. F&B-H Action plan - David Chiswood
There were 60 minutes and made a 2-1/2 hour. Need to develop some ideas on how to get
information about getting information out to supporters
C. New Board members - David Chiswood
Heidi and a new person. Roger Johnson and Richard Johnson are A level potential members.
But Howell has not responded

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
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- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Vern Pursel
 - a. Phyllis Johnson, BARC Director
 - b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Reports

- A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's Report- Vern Pursel
- C. BARC Alliance report/ Congressional Actions– Jim Butcher/JP Thompson
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III. New Business

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a. Phyllis Johnson, BARC Director

- New Fiscal year started as a continuing resolution till November
- The Senate is working on the Farm Bill. BARC needs the Enhanced Use Lease Authority
 - There is some concern on how the Authority would be used. Some fear there will be McDonalds or Starbucks built on the property. Need to make sure the Authority is used for mission related research only
- Bob Sorono will retire in January 2008
- There appear to be coyotes at BARC

b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

- Jeanette Baylor will retire in January 2008, there will be a celebration of her career on December 12, 2007
- Need volunteers to help at the desk and answer phones
- Need for a pavilion next to Log Lodge by the picnic area. A lot of discussion on this. Need more info concerning costs and permits, etc.

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson Minutes were accepted as amended and sent on 10-8-07.

B. Treasurer's Report- Vern Pursel

- Budget was given to all. A matured CD was cashed and put in the Sun Trust money market account. We have funds to work with
- Vernon changed the type of account we have with Sun Trust and now it doesn't cost us for banking. Sun Trust has a program where the bank will donate \$100 to FAR-B when members of the organization open a new account. Vernon is to get more details on this program

C. BARC Alliance report/ Congressional Actions– Jim Butcher/JP Thompson

- Talked about the Resolution that was sent out prior to the meeting by Jim Butcher. It is clear that the congressional delegations will not ask for program money for BARC unless

the governor asks for their support. Therefore, the Prince Georges Council and Executive need to be convinced that BARC needs their help and convince the governor to ask for congressional support. This Resolution will help get this support

D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

- The CFC is coming up. Phil and Vernon are planning to send each BARC employee a letter telling what FAR-B does for BARC
- Our web site needs to be updated a little to show how FAR-B works within the community on outreach activities

E. Fund Raising Committee- Freddi Hammerschlag

- Sixty mums were sold this fall. We are hoping that we will do better on the poinsettia sell. Need to get our brochure out to more people and organizations
- Suggested we have a social get together and have a silent auction to raise money. She will have some more on this in the future

F. Community Outreach – Diane Odland

- BES Science Enrichment Program – J. Butcher has talked with Mr. Beagle, the Principal and he is for having this again, D. Odland has talked with the science coordinator and she is for this.
- The committee met and it was suggested that we use a similar format as the past 2 years, i.e. we have 4 interactive stations. We suggest we work on Environmental Science with the following general topics: good bugs/bad bugs (maybe geared to invasive species) (Anderson to talk with Mark Feldlaufer about heading this up); good plants/bad plants with an emphasis on wet lands (maybe geared to invasive species) (Freddi to head this up); alternatives to pesticides (Freddi to ask Deb Fravel to head this up); and recycling by-products (Anderson to talk with Korcak)
- Science Fairs – Nothing

G. Membership Committee- Allan Stoner – Nothing new

H. Grants and Awards Committee- Ralph Bram

- Asked P. Johnson how FAR-B should help BARC since most labs have money for travel. P. Johnson will get back to us on this
- Talked about an intern for the Visitor Center in memory of John Kacharski
- Talked about building a pavilion at the Visitor Center in memory of John

I. Publicity Committee/Web page – Hank Becker

- Has a couple more Obituaries to add

J. BARC Centennial Committee—Roger Lawson

- Nothing new since the committee has not met since the last FAR-B meeting
- P. Kearney suggested that information staff develop film clips for showing on TV

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood Phyllis cover things

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E. Fund Raising Committee - Patrick Hannon

- City rooms were sold for \$25. We are hoping that we will be better on the next one.
- Need to get out and raise the money for the next one.
- Suggested we have a social get together and have a silent auction to raise money. We will have some more on 7/15 in the future.

F. Community Outreach - David O'Connell

- BSG Science Education Program - J. Butler has talked with the Mayor, the Principal and the school board. O'Connell has talked with the science committee and the school board.
- The committee met and it was suggested that we use a similar format as the last 5 years. We have 4 different strands. We suggest we work on Environmental Science with the following general topics - Great Inland Sea (invasive species), Great Inland Sea (invasive species), Great Inland Sea (invasive species), Great Inland Sea (invasive species).
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- Science Fair - ongoing

G. Monitoring Committee - Alan Storer - ongoing

H. Grants and Awards Committee - Jeffery Bann

- Asked B. Johnson how far BAPC should help BAPC since they have money for travel.
- B. Johnson was not sure to us on this.
- Talked about an award for the Visitor Center in memory of John Korman.
- Talked about getting a plaque for the Visitor Center in memory of John Korman.

I. Publicity Committee - page - Hank Becker

- Has a couple more questions to ask.

J. BAPC Committee - Roger Lawson

- Nothing new about the committee has not met since the last FAR-B meeting.
- F. Kearney suggested that information be developed into a brochure or TV.

K. Administration - Dave Gribble - Public cover things

III. New Business

A. Memorial to John Kacharski

- See items under Visitor Center and Grants and Awards

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minutes of the
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Tuesday, November 13, 2007 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Darwin Murrell

a. Phyllis Johnson, BARC Director

Dr. Johnson thanked FAR-B for the support of the Distinguished Seminar series that FAR-B furnished

The fate of the Enhanced Lease Authority (ELU) is in question. The CBO has reservations. There is support for the gasification project, but ELU will greatly enhance this program. Support comes from ARS, Rural Development office and the Undersecretaries office.

Area is getting ready for ARMPs review

The Smithsonian is looking to rent greenhouse space from BARC. This would be very good for BARC.

The Animal Parasite Collection will probably be transferred to the National Zoo or some other organization. NPS does not think this is no longer useful for Agriculture Research, however, it is very useful for wild animal research, thus the possible transfer to the Smithsonian.

There will be two events in February concerning biosystematics

The reorganization is complete and there is adequate funding for each SY for the time being.

A-76 is not working very well. More and more things are being contracted out because it is very difficult to hire people under the A-76 contract

b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

Jeanette Baylor is retiring and there is a reception for Jeanette on December 12, 2007

Lorraine has had health problems and she just had a heart attack. Her prognosis is not known.

Pavilion in remembrance of John Kucharski. Jennifer will get ballpark figures on its cost and size.

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson

Minutes of the corrected October meeting were approved

Journal of Agricultural Research - Entomology
Entomology Division

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Introduction

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - (1950-1951)

The following is a list of the guests who attended the 1950-1951
meeting of the Entomology Division of the American
Entomological Society.

The first of the guests was Dr. J. H. Spongberg, who was
presented by the Entomology Division of the American
Entomological Society.

There is nothing really new about the 1950-1951 meeting.

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There will be two events in the 1950-1951 meeting.

The first of the events is the 1950-1951 meeting of the
Entomology Division of the American Entomological Society.

A 1950-1951 meeting very well. There are many things
that are new and interesting.

B. Welcome to the 1950-1951 meeting.

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A. Spongberg's report - 1950-1951
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meeting of the Entomology Division of the American
Entomological Society.

B. Treasurer's Report- Vern Pursel

FAR-B has funds to operate.

So far our expenses have exceeded our income by about \$8,000. Last year our expenses exceeded income by around \$17,000.

C. BARC Alliance report/ Congressional Actions- Jim Butcher/JP Thompson

John Peter has requested a briefing paper on the pending Farm Bill affirming the national interest in and need for a strong, vital ARS and an effective competitive grants program, but neither at the expense of the other.

D. Combined Federal Campaign – Vern Pursel

A total of 411 letters were sent out to BARC employees requesting that they think of FAR-B when participating in the CFC

E. Fund Raising Committee- Freddi Hammerschlag

Have only sold 140 poinsettias so far.

Freddi will present a proposal for raising money at the January meeting

F. Community Outreach – Diane Odland

There is good progress on the Science Enrichment Program at the BES. This year the theme will center around the environment.

G. Membership Committee- A Stoner

Continuing to update the list

H. Grants and Awards Committee- R Bram

Ralph Bram was not present, but it was decided that no action will be taken until the AO makes suggestions

I. Publicity Committee/Web page – Hank Becker (No Report)

J. BARC Centennial Committee—Roger Lawson (No Report)

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood (No Report)

III. New Business

A. Introduction of Rex Powell to FAR-B Board.

B. John Kucharski Memorial suggestions for Visitor's Center.

Item Business

- A. Introduction of the Bill to the House
- B. Joint Committee Report on the Bill

- C. Committee Report on the Bill
- D. Committee Report on the Bill
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III. New Business

- A. John Kucharski Memorial suggestions for Visitor's Center.
- B. Fund raisers: Annual Dinner, etc.

Report of Agricultural Research - Davisville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Davisville Agricultural Research, Inc.
Farmers' Union
Davisville, Maryland
Tuesday, December 11, 2007 - 12:00 PM

1. Introduction

- A. Call to Order and Presentation of Goals - (10:00 AM)
- B. Pledge of Allegiance - (10:05 AM)
- C. Welcome - (10:10 AM)

II. Old Business and Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - (10:15 AM)
- B. Treasurer's Report - (10:20 AM)
- C. Board of Directors - (10:25 AM)
- D. Financial Statement - (10:30 AM)
- E. Board Meeting Minutes - (10:35 AM)
- F. Farming Council - (10:40 AM)
- G. Extension and Education - (10:45 AM)
- H. Board and Board of Directors - (10:50 AM)
- I. Board of Directors - (10:55 AM)
- J. Board of Directors - (11:00 AM)
- K. Board of Directors - (11:05 AM)

III. New Business

- A. Board of Directors - (11:10 AM)
- B. Board of Directors - (11:15 AM)

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I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Darwin Murrell

a. Ron Korcak, BARC Assoc. Director

Reported on the reassignments of both him and Dr. Johnson. Ron was reassigned as the Director of the N.E. Area and Phyllis as the Director of the PAC West Area. Ron has determined that he will not accept the reassignment and will retire.

b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

Jeanette Baylor is retiring December 14, 2007. There will be a reception on December 12, 2007 at 1:30. The Agency abolished this position. There are only two specialist positions at the Agencies Visitor Center and one of these is on detail to another Agency in the Department. Funding is very tight.

Jennifer developed an ARS National Visitor Center Usage Report for the period of May 2006 – December 2007

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson

The Amended minutes as sent out earlier today were accepted.

B Treasurer's Report- Darwin Murrell (travel request; money market move).

There was no report because the Treasurer was on travel status

C. BARC Alliance report/ Congressional Actions– Jim Butcher/JP Thompson (Guest)

The Enhanced Lease Authority is still in the Farm Bill for BARC and NAL. All funds generated by these leases will be returned to either BARC or NAL where they were generated.

In an Alliance meeting earlier today, the Secretary of Economic Development from Prince Georges County wanted John Peter to request \$20,000 to support the Alliance. Jim Butcher and John Peter will get this done.

With these funds, the Alliance is planning 3 different meeting are planned this coming year. One is with the A Team Stake Holders; Second, is with local community leaders; and the third with contractors who do business with BARC.

This coming Thursday, John Peter has a meeting with Senator Mikulski to discuss support for BARC and NAL.

The Alliance developed resolution for the Prince Georges County Council, the State Senate and the House of Delegates.

- D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
No report – will hear more after the new year

- E. Fund Raising Committee- Freddi Hammerschlag
The poinsettia sell netted about \$600. This was a lot of work for just a couple of people. If this program increases, we need to have more folks willing to help. We need to remember this next year. The BOARD greatly appreciates what Freddie has done. GREAT JOB FREDDI.

- F. Community Outreach – Diane Odland
The team is doing great. There will be four different teams. Two are almost ready to go and two are getting geared up. The teachers at the school are very excited about what we are doing.

- G. Member ship Committee- A Stoner
Not much to report this month. Things will pick up with the new year.

- H. Grants and Awards Committee- R Bram
Not much to offer since FAR-B will not be giving out research grants. Decisions on Travel grants will have to wait till we find out how we did on the CFC. Darwin received one unsolicited request for travel

- I. Publicity Committee/Web page – Hank Becker
Anderson is going to make changes on the BOD web page. Please make suggestions for improving the web site to either Jim Anderson or Hank. Committee chairs should be getting their news items ready. Hank will need right after the new year.

- J. BARC Centennial Committee—Roger Lawson
No report because Roger was on travel status

- K. Administrator's Liaison- David Chitwood
Korcak covered everything

III. **New Business**

- A. John Kucharski Memorial suggestions for Visitor's Center.
Nothing to report. Will not include this item in the future unless Jennifer requests some action
- B. Fund raisers: Annual Dinner, etc.
Freddi will have a report at the January meeting.

This company therefore, has been the subject of a number of reports for the past few years.

The following information is provided for the purpose of the report on the company's performance.

1. Financial Performance - The company has achieved a significant increase in its revenue over the past year.

2. Operational Performance - The company has maintained a high level of operational efficiency and has successfully completed a number of key projects.

3. Human Resources - The company has a strong and experienced workforce, with a high level of employee satisfaction and retention.

4. Environmental Performance - The company has implemented a number of measures to reduce its carbon footprint and improve its environmental performance.

5. Social Performance - The company has a strong commitment to social responsibility and has implemented a number of initiatives to support the community.

6. Risk Management - The company has a robust risk management framework in place, which helps to identify and mitigate potential risks to the business.

7. Governance - The company has a strong and transparent governance structure, which ensures that the business is run in the best interests of its shareholders.

8. Future Outlook - The company is well-positioned to continue its growth and success in the coming years.

9. Conclusion

10. Appendix - This section contains additional information and data related to the company's performance.

Approved minutes of the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, January 8, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

Attendee's: Jay Greene, Phil Kearney, Roger Lawson, Freddi Hammerschlag, Jim Butcher, Allan Stoner, Dick Zimmerman, Essex Finney, Darwin Murrell, John Peter Thompson, Vernon Pursel, Hank Becker, David Chitwood, Dianne Odland, Phyllis Johnson, and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Darwin Murrell

a. Phyllis Johnson, BARC Director

The last day for Phyllis and Ron at BARC is February 15, 2008. On February 19, 2008, the new AD will be Dr. Joe Spence and the Ass. D will be Tom Sexton. Ron has decided to retire. Bob Serrano retired and his party will be Tuesday, Jan 15, 2008. Archie Tucker is the Acting DAD. Max Pappe is retiring this afternoon.

Budget: For FY 2008, there is a 0.7% across the board cut with amounts to about a million dollars for BARC. There was a salary increase of 4.3 % with no new funds added. This is a huge cut.

The FY '09 budget does not sound rosy. There is talk about a 20 to 25% cut in ARS's Budget.

A news release coming out will announce a new chip that with the potential of analyzing a bulls potential for a few dollars and will only take a few minutes. This was done under a CRADA with a private company and BARC.

b. John Peter Thompson. Director of NARA-B

John Peter is working very hard to get local and state politicians on board to support BARC and the NAL.

On January 31, 2008 the Prince Georges Chamber of Commerce will host an affair that the Alliance should attend. A table costs \$750 and will seat 10 people. John Peter plans on attending, but does not have funding to host a table. (See below)

b. Visitor's Center - Jay Greene attended. as of Jan. 2, Security Services has taken over the Security duties at the NVC, which in the face of all the cut backs, enables us to remain open to the public for regular hours. Denise Brome is performing this function, however the lines are strict, she is not to answer our phones, or assist us in any way. Of course, having her to deal with delivery and service personal is HUGE for us, and allows us to focus on our jobs- which is essential with only two of us. Also, if Denise is absent, the contractor will have a replacement for her automatically; although we have filled in for her for a few hours here and there already.

Approved minutes of the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Bellville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Bellville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor Center
Bellville, Maryland
Tuesday, January 8, 2008 - 11:00 NOON

Attendees: Jay Greene, Ed Kasper, Roger Larson, David Himmelsbach, Jim Bunch, Alan Stone, Dick Zimmerman, Gary Pinner, Curtis Shinnell, John Ryan Thompson, Vernon Pinner, John Bunch, David Whitwood, Dianne O'Neil, Phyllis Johnson, and Jim Anderson
I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Presentation of Minutes - Carolyn Shinnell

A. The first Johnson, HARC, Executive
The last day for Phyllis and Ryan HARC is February 15, 2008. On February 16, 2008, the new
AD will be the new person, and the AD will be Jim Bunch. Jim Bunch is the Acting AD.
Bunch is retired and his wife will be Tuesday, Jan 15, 2008. A note: Jim is the Acting AD.
After Phyllis leaves the organization.

Budget for FY 2008: There is a 4.7% increase in the budget with amounts to show a million
dollars for HARC. There was a saving of \$4.7 million in new funds added. There is a
huge cut.

The FY 08 budget does not show any. There is talk about a 20 to 25% cut in HARC's budget.

A resolution was passed and will be passed a week after that with the potential of getting a better
personnel for a few dollars and will only take a 15% increase. This was done under a CBA
with a contract company and HARC.

B. John Peter Thompson, Director of NARA-B

John Peter is working very hard to get back and will participate on board to support HARC and
the NAL.

On January 31, 2008, the White House Council on Communications will meet and after the
meeting should start. A table was set up and will see 10 people. John Peter plans on
meeting, but there are some things to do first (see below).

B. Visitor Center - An event is planned for Jan. 2, 2008. Security Services are being given
the Security Service at the NVC, which is the fact of the not being, which is to
remain open to the public for regular hours. The fact is that the NVC is not open to the public,
however the fact is that, and is not to allow the public, or allow us in any way.
Of course, having that to deal with delivery and service personnel is HUGE for us, and
shows us to focus on the fact, which is essential with only two of us. And if there is
absent, the contractor will have a replacement for the contractor, although we have
filled in for her for a few hours and there is only one.

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson

Copies of the amended minutes were emailed to all. Unfortunately, not all received them. These were accepted unless they contacted me.

B. Treasurer's Report- Vern Pursel

FAR-B has a little over \$69,000 in the bank accounts. We are spending a little more than we take in. Vern gave a copy of the new proposed budget. Funds will not be specifically identified for the Alliance in the budget. However there will be about \$2,000 made available if needed in new outreach activities.

A motion was made by Allan Stoner, seconded by Freddi Hammerschlaug and amended by Essex Finney to donate up to \$750 to the Alliance in order that it may fully participate in the Prince Georges County Chamber of Commerce activity on January 31, 2008. This should fund JPT, PJ, RK, EF, JB, and others who JPT think should be present, e.g., JP and TS.

We will not fund travel requests other than what we have already done. Once the new BARC Leadership is in place, the new AD will be consulted to see how FAR-B can help BARC.

C. BARC Alliance report- Jim Butcher

Alliance funding. The Maryland Economic Business Development Department is asking the Alliance to make a proposal for up to \$25,000 to fund various activities of the Alliance. However, with the change in Leadership of BARC, it is not know what the new leaders will want. Funding will be needed to support at least 2 meeting, a Stakeholders meeting and a Congressional meeting. If the Alliance does not have funding, will FAR-B be able to support these?

D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

Contributions were slow coming in this year and the number of contributors are lower than previous years.

The new application process has started. January 15, 2008, the first electronic request is due. This will be followed by a very in depth application that is due on March 11, 2008. Phil would like a copy of the 2007 Gold Medal Volunteer Service Award from The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. **Jim Butcher will get the information to him.**

E. Fund Raising Committee- Freddi Hammerschlag

FAR-B netted over \$800 on plant sells this year. THANK YOU FREDDI!

Freddi suggested we change the way we do our Annual Meeting. She handed out a draft of questionnaire which will be sent out to the membership with the news letter. She would like to include a fund raiser with the event. **Get any changes back to Freddie within a week.**

Freddi would like to have a coffee for Phyllis and Ron at our next meeting. Phyllis will be attending the AC meeting and will not be available but Ron should attend. Freddie will bring a cake, Jim A. will bring coffee, and Vern will bring plates, cups, etc. (Do we need something besides coffee to drink?)

F. Community Outreach – Diane Odland

The Beltsville Elementary School Science Enrichment program is off and running. A meeting was held just prior to the FAR-B meeting to plan. The event is scheduled for April 15, 16, and 17, 2008.

Last year we give a one year Associate membership to employees that participated in the BES program. **The BOD agreed to do this again this year. This will amount to about 10 Associate memberships to people who are not members already.**

G. Member ship Committee- A Stoner

Al will draft a letter to be sent to all BARC employees and to retiree's, telling about membership in FAR-B and what FAR-B does for BARC. Al will have Darwin look at the letter before it is sent out.

A motion was made to increase the dues of FAR-B to \$30 and the Associate membership to \$15. Dues have not been raised since the inception of FAR-B in the early 1970's. Vern will have new brochures made up.

H. Grants and Awards Committee- R Bram

No report.

I. Publicity Committee/Web page – Hank Becker

Hank needs reports from all the committee chairs immediately. He will send out an email to all to remind them of his needs. He will include the questionnaire about the Annual Meeting in the News Letter.

J. BARC Centennial Committee—Roger Lawson

The committee has not met or acted because there is nothing from the AO.

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

Nothing to add.

III. New Business

a. Travel grants

Nothing on this.

The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, for the period 1900 to 1909. The records show that the land was acquired by the Government in 1900, and that it was then transferred to the Department of the Interior. The records also show that the land was then transferred to the Bureau of Land Management in 1909.

The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, for the period 1910 to 1919. The records show that the land was acquired by the Government in 1910, and that it was then transferred to the Department of the Interior. The records also show that the land was then transferred to the Bureau of Land Management in 1919.

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The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, for the period 1940 to 1949. The records show that the land was acquired by the Government in 1940, and that it was then transferred to the Department of the Interior. The records also show that the land was then transferred to the Bureau of Land Management in 1949.

MINUTES OF THE
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, February 12, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

ATTENDEES: David Chitwood, Freddi Hammerschlag, Dianne Odland, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Darwin Murrell, Essex Finney, Phil Kearney, Allen Stoner, Dick Zimmerman, Vernon Pursel, and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - D Murrell

Phyllis Johnson's father passed away this past week. Phyllis had to go back to North Dakota to take care of family matters. Phyllis will not go to California, but will retire from ARS. There will be a reception for Phyllis on February 25, 2008 at 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 021, Building 005.

Dave Grandstrom, Associate ANRI Director, is leaving ARS to take a new position in Chicago. There is a reception for Dave on February 21, 2008 in B-307C from 2 till 4.

a. Ron Korcak- BARC Associate Director

Ron was not able to attend because he had to be at the AC meeting that Phyllis was suppose to be at. The party we had planned for Ron was cancelled.

Dave Chitwood reported that the FY '09 budget was not that great for ARS. It was not clear, but ARS is to lose between \$85 to \$118 million. There were some ear marks that were on the chopping block. All pass-through funds are slated to be cut. Several locations are slated to be closed: Lane, OK; East Lansing, MI; Grand Forks, ND; and Westlaco, TX. At BARC, the Animal Biosciences and Biotechnologies Laboratory of ANRI and the Gardens Unit of the National Arboretum are scheduled to be closed.

The BHNRC is suppose to receive a \$5 million increase; the Bee Research Lab of PSI would get part to the Westlaco Bee research program

On Tuesday, February 19, 2008, there will be an all hands meeting to meet Dr. Spence at 1:30 p.m.

b. Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

The Visitor Center is still very active, even though it has had a 60% reduction of staff. Caroline came in to work, but got sick again and was hospitalized. There is no word on her status.

There is a Chinese delegation coming this week. The annual BARC Poster Day is scheduled for April 23, 2008

c. NARA-B- J P Thompson (if present). John Peter was in a meeting in Annapolis.

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson

There was no report, because of a computer problem. Hopefully, this will be fixed and the final minutes sent out by email.

B. Treasurer's Report- Vern Pursel

Dues are coming in. There has been no backlash on raising the dues. Some folks are dropping out. We still have money to operate.

C. BARC Alliance report- Jim Butcher

John Peter Thompson, Director of the NARA arranged a table at the Prince Georges Chamber of Commerce Event in Annapolis on January 31, 2008. This allowed JP to invite up to 10 guests. Besides JPT, Phyllis Johnson, Ron Korcak, and retired BARC employees Essex Finney, Jim Butcher, and Roger Lawson were invited. Renee Winsky from TEDCO and Del. Joseph Vallario, District 27A (Calvert and Prince Georges County), also joined them.

Today, JP and Roger Lawson, a former RL at BARC, are meeting in Annapolis to try to get the State Senate to pass a resolution, asking the Governor to include support for BARC in his wish list to the Maryland Delegation.

D. Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney

Phil warned that we should not be too optimistic on the amount of support we will get from the just completed CFC. Participation was down this year. He is busy getting paper work ready for next years CFC.

E. Fund Raising Committee- Freddi Hammerschlag

Questionnaire concerning the Annual Meeting was sent out with the dues notice. Not enough returns back yet to make conclusions on format and venue for FAR-B Annual meeting. We will get results at the March 18 FAR-B Board meeting.

F. Community Outreach - Diane Odland

BES science enrichment program is well on its way. The BARC Poster Day is scheduled for April 23, 2008.

G. Member ship Committee- A Stoner

A new brochure needs to be prepared showing the new dues rate. Vern Pursel will help him with this.

H. Grants and Awards Committee- ?

Richard Zimmerman agreed to consider Chairing this Committee. No action is needed until FAR-B receives input from the new Director, Dr. Spence

I. Publicity Committee/Web page - Hank Becker

News letter went out.

J. BARC Centennial Committee-Roger Lawson (if present)

No report. Roger was in Annapolis.

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood (see above)

III New Business

A. Grants and Awards Committee

B. Elections. Darwin will chair a committee with Phil Kearney and Freddi Hammerschlag to come up with a slate of officers

C. NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE THIRD TUESDAY, MARCH 18 2008. DARWIN NEEDS TO NOTIFY THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THIS CHANGE IN DATES.

1. Administration's Role in the 1990s

1990-1991

- A. Current and Future Trends
- B. Electronic Journals will change the way we communicate with each other and the way we learn
- C. The Internet will be the primary source of information for the 1990s
- D. The Internet will be the primary source of information for the 1990s

Minutes of the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, March 18, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Joe Spence, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Jim Butcher, Freddi Hammerschlag, Diane Odland, Hank Becker, Dave Chitwood, Dick Zimmerman, Phil Kearney, Essex Finney, Allan Stoner, and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - J Anderson

a. Joe Spence- BARC Director

Dr. Spence has been on the job about 1 month. There are currently, 8 SES vacancies with more on the horizon. ARS has a challenge ahead to fill these positions.

Dr. Spence held an all hands meeting as well as he met with RL's. He is in the process of developing a 3 to 4 page vision statement of where BARC should be in 10 years.

He is concerned about the use and expense of the containment greenhouse and the development of the insect quarantine facility nearing completion. He is concerned that BARC may have too many programs. Something will probably have to go. Needs a good 2 to 3 year strategic plan to determine what research should be done at BARC. He is expecting input from the scientists and RL's to determine what BARC does best.

Needs more information concerning facilities and wants and needs to invest in infrastructure updating. Would like to consolidate, but realizes problems in good space availability. BARC is not in compliance with some waste water and underground storage tanks (This needs immediate attention).

Hopes to fill the Deputy Area Director position soon. Archie Tucker has been acting for the past few months.

b. NARA-B- J P Thompson - Not present, had to be in Annapolis

c. Visitor's Center -- Jennifer Woodward-Greene

Poster Day is being held April 23, 2008. Jennifer didn't know if FAR-B was going to supply a tent again this year. She will contact Vern Pursel to see. If FAR-B does not supply the tent, she will clear out the Visitor Center and put the posters inside. George Liu is chairing the Poster Day this year.

There are still many foreign and domestic visitors coming out to the Visitor Center. So far, she has been able to handle the visitors.

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson

Jim Anderson's computer is down again and the updated minutes of the last meeting were not available.

B. Treasurer's Report- Vern Pursel

Because Vern Pursel was not able to attend, Dick Zimmerman presented the Treasurer's Report. We still have funds to work with.

C. BARC Alliance report- Jim Butcher

FAR-B gave funds (\$700) to support the Alliance. The Alliance decided to use some of these funds to sponsor a table at a Prince Georges Chamber of Commerce Function, February 29, 2008.

The FAR-B gave testimony to Congress (copy attached).

D. Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney

We have not heard how much was pledged during this past year. Generally, participation in the CFC was lower than in previous years. We will have to wait to see the results.

Progress is being made on getting ready for the upcoming CFC. People are impressed with the low (less than 3%) overhead FAR-B has.

E. Fund Raising Committee- Freddi Hammerschlag

Freddi presented the results of the Annual Meeting/Fund Raiser Questionnaire she sent out to all FAR-B members. We will keep the current format for the Annual Meeting.

Freddi discussed other possibilities of raising money. We will come back to this in later meetings.

F. Community Outreach - Diane Odland

The Science Outreach Program for the Beltsville Elementary School is fast approaching (April 15, 16, & 17). Programs are about complete. Many classes will prepare posters on what they have learned. Each teacher will choose the 4 best from each grade and a team will pick winners from each class. Freddi has already purchased the prizes.

G. Membership Committee- A Stoner

Progress is continuing on upgrading the membership and potential membership list.

H. Grants and Awards Committee- ?Nothing on this

I. Publicity Committee/Web page - Hank Becker

Need information by June 1, 2008. Hank asked Joe Spence if he would like to present something. He will be happy to, but wants to be reminded.

A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson

Jim Anderson's report is down again and the updated minutes of the last meeting were not available.

B. Treasurer's Report - Van Furest

Van Furest's report was not able to attend, Bill Zimmerman presented the Treasurer's Report. He will have funds to send this.

C. Board Minutes report - Jim Anderson

Jim Anderson's report is down again and the updated minutes of the last meeting were not available. The minutes of the last meeting were not available.

D. Board Minutes report - Jim Anderson

E. Board Minutes report - Jim Anderson

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I. Board Minutes report - Jim Anderson

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J. BARC Centennial Committee—Roger Lawson No report, because Roger was attending a meeting in Annapolis

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

Nothing to add to Dr. Spence's report.

III. New Business

A. Annual Meeting: Will be held in the Conference Room of Building 005.

- Nomination of new officers

The nomination committee (Phil Kearney, chair) presented the following:

President – Vernon Pursel

Treasure – Dick Zimmerman

- Speaker invitation

Dr. Spence has agreed to talk.

- Venue

The President should give the highlights from the past year without calling on the individuals from each committee.

- Food, etc.

We'll do what we did last year. Vern will let us know.

Attachments

FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH—BELTSVILLE (FAR—B)

P.O. BOX 1061

BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705-1061

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Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Maryland*

1. BARC Chairman's Report - Report 1 on the report because they were attending a meeting in Arlington

2. Administration's Report - Report 2 on the report

Nothing is added to the report's report

III. New Business

A. Annual Meeting - Will be held in the 1990s year from the beginning of 1990

* Introduction of new officers

The committee will meet in the 1990s year (1990) presented the following

President - Vernon Jones

Treasurer - Jack Thompson

* Special - invitation

The Special has agreed to sell

* 1990

The President should give the highlights from the year just without telling us the

details of the year and committee

* 1990

We'll do what we can for the year 1990. Year will be in 1990

Attachments

FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-BELLEVILLE (FAR-B)

P.O. BOX 100

BELLEVILLE, MISSOURI 63008-0100

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Minutes- Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, April 8, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

Attendee's: Allan Stoner, Roger Lawson, Dick Zimmerman, Freddi Hammerschlag, Dianne Odland, Hank Becker, Jay Green, John Peter Thompson, Vernon Pursel, Essex Finney, Phil Kearney, Jim Butcher and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Vern Pursel,
- B. Acting BARC Associate Director – Tom Sexton

One of the biggest challenges for BARC is maintenance of infrastructure. All windows in B-005 need replacement and the clock tower on B-003 needs replacement because of water leaks.

Laboratories will be assessed about 2% for R&M. Dr. Knipling gave BARC \$500,000 to develop a engineering footprint of BARC to help consolidate and improve efficiency from an engineering perspective

The AO have met with all employees, RL's, and super grade scientists to get input as to where BARC should be heading. A RL retreat is being planned.

Greenhouses are a major issue. About half the facility is being used. The B-3 facility is still not operational and will need at least another \$700,000 or more to bring it operational. A new Insect quarantine facility is almost finished.

There was some discussion on how to pay for GH space.

NARA-B- J P Thompson

The Resolution did not pass. However, the MD Congressional delegation is fully behind this. John Peter will work with different people to get this passed next session.

Working with the MD Congressional Delegation to identify Congressional supporters out side MD. This is needed to get funding for BARC.

College Park wants to annex the South Farm in order to "protect" it from take over. BARC and the Alliance are against it as are other groups.

Minutes - Friends of Agricultural Research - Belleville, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Belleville Agricultural Research Center
Visitor's Center
Belleville, Maryland
Tuesday, April 8, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Allan Stoner, Roger L. Lyster, Dick Zimmerman, Fredi Hammett, Diane Gland, Mark Butler, Jay Green, John Peter Thompson, Vernon Pusch, Essex Finner, Phil Kowen, Jim Bolton and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - Jim Pusch
- B. Acting BARC Executive Director - Tom Sexton

One of the biggest challenges for BARC is maintenance of the facility. As we move to B-005, we need replacement and the clock tower on B-005 needs replacement pieces of water tanks.

Laboratory will be assessed about 2.5 for BARC. Dr. Kipping says BARC \$200,000 to develop a engineering facility. BARC to help construction and improve efficiency from an engineering facility.

The AO have met with all employees, RLS, and super group selected to get input as to where BARC needs its funding. A RL team is being selected.

Greenhouse and a major issue. About half the facility is being used. The B-3 facility is still not completed and will need at least another \$200,000 or more to bring it operational. A new research greenhouse facility is almost finished.

There was some discussion on how to pay for GH space.

MARA-B-1P Thompson

The Resolution did not pass. However, the MD Congressional delegation is still behind this. Tom Peter will work with a friend group to get the program into session.

Working with the MD Congressional Delegation to identify Congressional support on the side. This is needed to get funding for BARC.

College Park wants to enter the State Farm in order to "protect" it from the over BARC and the Alliance and against the other groups.

Need badly a vision of BARC. The alliance wants to invite BARC and NAL to talk about common issues.

Visitor's Center – Jay Green

The Visitor Center has been very busy. Has had several international and national groups visit. BARC employee's are presenting talks to many of these visitors.

Had a bus load of VA middle school students come up for a day. These students were very good and had good questions and very well behaved and attentive.

Offering general interest programs called "Thursday Free

Programs" on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of the month to focus requests from the general public, home schools, families, consumers and other similar groups. This will free up time for limited NVC staff to focus on developing unique, targeted programs for stakeholders. More info on NVC programs at www.ars.usda.gov/is/nvc.

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report- Jim Anderson

Amended minutes of last meeting as sent out were approved

B. Treasurer's Report- Vern Pursel

SELF \$2400 grant proposal: Dr. Finney moved and Roger Lawson seconded a motion that FAR-B use these funds for the requested use (appendix A). Passed unanimously.

BAASAC event

There was much discussion, some pro and some against. Allan Stoner moved and Jim Butcher seconded a motion that FAR-B support this request (appendix b) for up to \$250. The motion passed.

C. BARC Alliance report– Jim Butcher

Nothing more to add to John Peter's report

D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

FAR-B had \$7,543 in CFC pledges. This is better than we anticipated. All thought this was a good. Most contributors and amounts were anonymous. While not discussed, are thank you letters sent to those whose name and addresses we know?

Need badly a vision of BARC. The alliance wants to invite BARC and NAL to talk about common issues.

Visitor's Center - Jay Green

The Visitor Center has been very busy. Has had several international and national groups visit. BARC employees are providing info to many of these visitors.

Had a bus load of VA middle school students come up for a day. These students were very good and had good questions and very well behaved and attentive.

Offering general interest programs called "Thursday Rise

Programs" on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of the month.

requests from the general public, home schools, other similar groups. This will free up time for limited NVC staff to focus on targeted programs for stakeholders. Move into NVC programs at various times throughout the month.

II. Old Business and Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson

Amended minutes of last meeting as sent out were approved.

B. Treasurer's Report - Vern Purcell

SELF 2500 grant proposal. Dr. Finney moved and Roger Lawton seconded a motion that FAR-B use these funds for the requested use (Appendix A). Passed unanimously.

BARC event

There was much discussion, some pro and some against. Allan Shorer moved and Jim Butler seconded a motion that FAR-B support the request (Appendix B) for up to \$250. The motion passed.

C. BARC Alliance report - Jim Butler

Nothing more to add to John Peter's report.

D. Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney

FAR-B had \$1,500 in CFC pledges. This is better than we anticipated. All thought this was a good. Most contributors and amounts were anonymous. While not disclosed, the Board will look at their where names and addresses we know?

E. Fund Raising Committee- Freddi Hammerschlag

Freddi suggested we do a garden tour. There was good discussion and she will contact people she knows about their willingness to participate in such a fund raising event for FAR-B. Such an event would be held next year.

F. Community Outreach – Diane Odland

Poster Day will be April 23 at the Visitor Center. FAR-B is renting a 30' x 30' tent for the event. Judges are needed to judge 40 student posters and 40 post doc and new SY posters.

BES science enrichment program is set for next week (April 15, 16 and 17). Many BARC employees are participating in this event. FAR-B is providing lunches.

Hopefully, there will be good media coverage.

There are several events coming up at Behnke's Nursery that FAR-B and BARC might be interested in participating in. One is the Capital Beltway Azalea Show, April 19 (FAR-B could talk about the Glendale azaleas); another is the Capital Beltway Perennial Plant Show, date?

G. Membership Committee- A Stoner

500 copies of a new brochure were made. A suggestion was made that the picture of the poster with the food pyramid be replaced with a new photo, because the food pyramid is out of date. Vernon will take care of this

H. Grants and Awards Committee-

Need a new chairperson. Need input from AD

Since our meeting, Vernon has met with Joe Spence (appendix c).

I. Publicity Committee/Web page – Hank Becker

Need information for the Newsletter by May 30, 2008

J. BARC Centennial Committee—Roger Lawson

An effort will be made to contact the AD and determine if he is aware that a list of suggestions for the centennial year have been made by the committee.

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

E. Fund Raising Committee- Frieda Hamm-Enchilaga

Frieda suggested we do a garden tour. There was good discussion and she will contact people she knows about their willingness to participate in such a fund raising event for FAR-B. Such an event would be held next year.

F. Community Outreach - Diane Odland

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BEE science enrichment program is set for next week (April 15, 16 and 17). Many BAPC employees are participating in this event. FAR-B is providing lunches.

Hopefully, there will be good media coverage.

There are several events coming up at Bethel's Nursery that FAR-B and BAPC might be interested in participating in. One is the Capital Parkway Azalea Show, April 19 (FAR-B could talk about the Glendale azaleas), another is the Capital Parkway Botanical Plant Show, date?

G. Membership Committee- A. Stoner

500 copies of a new brochure were made. A suggestion was made that the picture of the poster with the text pyramid be replaced with a new photo, because the text pyramid is out of date. Vernon will take care of this.

H. Grants and Awards Committee-

Need a new chairperson. Need input from AD.

Since our meeting, Vernon has met with Joe Stoner, chairperson, CD.

I. Publicity Committee/Web page - Hank Becker

Need information for the Newsletter by May 30, 2008.

J. BAPC Centennial Committee - Roger Lawson

An effort will be made to contact the AD and determine if he is aware of a list of suggestions for the centennial year made by the committee. There been

K. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chivwood

Not present because he is out of the country.

III. New Business

Annual Meeting Plans

Meeting will take place in the conference room of B-005.

There will be a board meeting at 10:00 a.m., place to be decided later.

At 11:00, Dr. J. Spence will speak for 30 minutes followed by a presentation of John Peter Thompson on the NARA-B for 10 - 15 minutes.

This will be followed by a summary of FAR-B activities during the past year by Darwin Murrell, followed by election of officers.

A luncheon will be at 12:15.

Not present because he is out of the country.

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Actual Meeting Time

Meeting will take place in the conference room at 5-105.
There will be a board meeting at 12:00 noon, space to be decided later.

At 1:00 PM, Dr. J. Spence will speak for 10 minutes followed by a presentation of
John F. Thompson on the 10-10-10 for 10 minutes.

This will be followed by a summary of FAR-9 activities during the past year by
Dennis Munn, followed by election of officers.

A luncheon will be at 12:15.

FRIENDS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH - BELTSVILLE, Inc.
P.O. Box 1061
Beltsville, Maryland 20704-1061
Board Meeting

Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Conference Room 402, Building 005
Beltsville, Maryland 20705
Tuesday, May 13, 2008

10:00 a.m. - Call to Order --Darwin Murrell

- Secretary's Report, Jim Andersen
- Report from Treasurer, Vern Pursel

Reports from Committees:*

- Awards/Grants Program --?
- BARC Alliance Liaison- Jim Butcher
- Membership Outreach - Al Stoner
- Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney
- Community Outreach --Dianne Odland/ Jim Butcher
- Fund Raising- Freddi Hammerschlag
- Legislative Outreach -- Jim Butcher
- Publicity /Web page- Hank Becker
- BARC Centennial Committee -- Roger Lawson
- Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

New Business

Adjourn- 11:00 a.m. and move to Room 21 for ANNUAL MEETING.

FRIENDS OF ARCHITECTURE
P.O. Box 1001
Belleville, Maryland 20704-1001
Herald Building

Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
Conference Room 402, Building 015
Belleville, Maryland 20705
Tuesday, May 13, 2003

10:00 a.m. - Call to Order - Thomas Merrill

- * Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
- * Report from Treasurer - Vicky Burch

Report from Committee:

- * Awards/Eminent Program - 2
- * BACF Alliance Update - Jim Burch
- * Membership Update - Al Stiner
- * Joint and Federal Campaign - Phil Kuntz
- * Committee Update - Thomas Merrill
- * Fund Raising - Vicky Burch
- * Legislative Update - Jim Burch
- * Publicity - Vicky Burch
- * BACF Campaign Committee - Roger L. Swann
- * Administrator's Report - Vicky Burch

New Business

Adjourn - 11:00 a.m. and move to Room 21 for ANNUAL MEETING.

Minutes of the May 13, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting held prior to the Annual Meeting

Vern Pursel distributed the monthly Treasurers report. Darwin Murrell expressed concern about the high delinquency rate of 2008 dues payments.

Darwin Murrell reported that the nominating committee was prepared to nominate Roger Lawson and Richard Zimmerman as new members of the Board of Directors and Vern Pursel as President and Richard Zimmerman as Treasurer at the Annual membership meeting.

Darwin Murrell asked if anyone was interested in chairing the Awards/Grants Committee for the 2008/2009 year. After getting no volunteers, he indicated that he would chair the committee.

Jim Butcher indicated that he would defer his report on the BARC Alliance until the Annual meeting. Jim did state that the Alliance plans to use a list of Congressmen who have been supportive of BARC in the past.

Allan Stoner indicated that a supply of FAR-B brochures would be provided to the BARC Directors Office to take advantage of their offer to distribute them to the Laboratories.

Phil Kearney reported that he had been notified that FAR-B's application to participate in the 2008 Combined Federal Campaign had been approved.

Dianne Odland reported that the recently completed Beltsville Elementary School Science Enrichment Program was very successful based on the response of the students, teachers and administration. FAR-B will receive another gold medal for its volunteer effort. Dianne also noted that BARC Director Joe Spence had altered his schedule to participate in the Poster Awards Ceremony to recognize the students whose posters won first prizes.

Freddi Hammerschlag reminded the Board that FAR-B would be selling poinsettia in the fall.

Hank Becker established a May 30 deadline for contributions for the June newsletter.

Vern Pursel reported that he had discussed with Doug Bolt the establishment and hosting of a new FAR-B Web Page. Doug had suggested inclusion of a feature that would permit payment of dues and other income by credit cards for a very nominal fee. A motion was made and passed that we pursue this with Doug.

minutes of the May 13, 2008 Board of Directors meeting held prior to the annual meeting.

Van Fleet also stated that the Board of Directors had approved the 2008 stock repurchase program and the 2008 dividend program.

Thomas Merrill reported that the management committee was composed of members Kevin J. Jones and Robert J. Thompson, as well as members of the Board of Directors, and Van Fleet as President and General Counsel, as a result of the annual meeting.

Thomas Merrill stated that the Board of Directors was composed of the following members: Thomas Merrill, Robert J. Thompson, Kevin J. Jones, and Van Fleet. After the annual meeting, he indicated that he would chair the committee.

Tom Hatcher indicated that he would chair the Board of Directors and the annual meeting. He also stated that the Board of Directors was composed of the following members: Tom Hatcher, Robert J. Thompson, Kevin J. Jones, and Van Fleet.

Alan Stone indicated that the Board of Directors was composed of the following members: Alan Stone, Robert J. Thompson, Kevin J. Jones, and Van Fleet. He also stated that the Board of Directors was composed of the following members: Alan Stone, Robert J. Thompson, Kevin J. Jones, and Van Fleet.

Paul Kennedy indicated that he had been elected to the Board of Directors in the 2008 election. He also stated that the Board of Directors was composed of the following members: Paul Kennedy, Robert J. Thompson, Kevin J. Jones, and Van Fleet.

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Van Fleet reported that he had discussed with Tom Hatcher and Robert J. Thompson the 2008 stock repurchase program and the 2008 dividend program. He also stated that the Board of Directors was composed of the following members: Van Fleet, Robert J. Thompson, Kevin J. Jones, and Tom Hatcher.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc. Board of Directors
Meeting** Beltsville Agricultural Research Center National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, June 10, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - V Pursel
- B. Comments from Area Director - Joe Spence
- C. News from NARA-B - John Peter Thompson
- D. National Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's Report - Vern Pursel
- C. BARC Alliance report - Jim Butcher
- D. Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Community Outreach - Diane Odland
- G. Membership - Al Stoner
- H. Grants and Awards - Darwin Murrell
- I. Publicity - Hank Becker
- J. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson
- K. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. Update on new website far-b.org - V Pursel
- B. Annual meeting comments

MINUTES OF THE
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, June 10, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Phil Kearney, Allan Stoner, David Chitwood, Roger Lawson, Hank Becker, Freddi Hammerschlag, Dianne Odland, Jim Butcher, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Vernon Pudrsel, Lisa Baldujs, Darwin Murrell, Essex Finney, and James Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel

B. Comments from Area Office – Lisa Baldus

Need to learn how to grow on a flat budget, i.e. can't continue supporting all programs. Probably need to support the best and most important programs

Limited Lease Authority has been approved in the new Farm Bill

Talked about New National Program Staffs

C. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

Jay and Jennifer have maintained program volume via streamlining programs to be more compact so more can be done per day. To keep the content quality (focus on information exchange re: research and partner/collaborative opportunities), and to accommodate losing the bus as of November 6, there will be less driving to save time. There are about 15 programs / mo;–

Database stakeholder/contact management module has been launched last week; the second program module to track and report ARS on participates with what groups, and how often they do so is next, followed by a third module to track program effectiveness (CRADAs, SCAs, actual tech transfers, etc. and other tangible cooperative agreements/impacts resulting from Visitor Center programs).

More National (domestic stakeholder) groups are coming to the Visitor Center

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson

Minutes of last meeting were approved as sent out by Alan Stoner

B. Treasurer's Report - Vern Pursel

FAR-B is still solvent even though we are spending more than we are taking in, i.e. we are spending our savings

C. BARC Alliance report – Jim Butcher

John Peter met with both Joe Spence and Peter Young. NAL has their Strategic Plan, BARC is still working on this; had a telephone conference with Ed Knipling explaining he was to meet with Undersecretary Buchanan; and a third meeting with the PG Chamber of Commerce – Barbra Mikulski was present

One concern was how many dollars would be needed to bring NAL and BARC competitive. A 16% cut in discretionary funds equals at least the lost of 18 SY's

Need to concentrate on High Priority and Productive Research

D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

Most of the information was presented in the News Letter

University of Maryland has a yearly meeting, this year it will be on water. Several BARC employees are involved.

E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag

Announced the Poinsettias sell, need to get information out before the CFC Season

Still talking about a garden tour for next spring; there was strong support for this tour

F. Community Outreach – Diane Odland

At the Beltsville Elementary School award ceremony, both BARC and FAR-B received the President's Volunteer Service Award (Gold Pins) from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation

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G. Membership - Al Stoner

Progress is being made on updating the potential list

G. Grants and Awards – Darwin Murrell

A total of \$10,000 will be transferred to the AO for use by the AD to help SY travel

Are there grants or different groups that FAR-B can ask for funds?

H. Publicity – Hank Becker

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I. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson

Need to emphasize high impact research results, i.e., show what BARC has done for society

J. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

Nothing more than Lisa presented

III. New Business

A. Need to become more active in public education – Roger Lawson

Had lots of discussion

B. Annual meeting comments/suggestions

C. Update on new website far-b.org – V Pursel

Vern is going to be working on a new website. He would like some help

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**APPROVED MINUTES FROM THE
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, September 9, 2008 - 12:00 NOON**

Attendees: Dick Zimmerman, Allan Stoner, Vernon Pursel, Tom Sexton, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Hank Becker, Norman Steele, Dianne Odland, Jim Butcher, John Peter Thompson, Darwin Murrell, David Chitwood, Roger Lawson, and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel welcomed Norman Steele to the meeting
- B. Area Office update – Tom Sexton

The AO had a meeting with Congressional Aids last week. The meeting was very positive;

Met with the Dr. C. D. Mote, President of the UMCP, discussed research cooperation and the over 50 current projects

The Farm Bill had language authorizing EUL, PharmAthene has expressed interest in establishing a goat herd at BARC;

Looking for additional potential cooperators under EUL to better utilize space

Ready for '09 ARMPS, the AO off-set the FY09 IRC'S by 1.2 M dollars. The majority of these funds came from the Area Reserve
All purchase authority will be transferred to HQ's, including current purchasing agents;

Funding for all but a couple of Laboratories are at \$25K/SY;

Trying to consolidate space, there is about equal amounts of occupied and unoccupied space in major buildings; building that will never be used will be put on the demolition list to get them off the IRC list and thus potentially saving about \$2 million in IRC costs; this will result in about 223 building on the demolition list – but it is difficult to cut off utilities to all these building, but will try; unfortunately without utilities those facilities will deteriorate rapidly;

All employees will be rated Oct 1 along with all annual reports, etc.

Dr. Knipling will give the AO funds to upgrade the signage around BARC

There are currently 252 CAT 1 and 4 SY's

Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting National Visitor's Center Beltsville, Maryland Thursday, September 14, 2006 - 12:00 NOON APPROXIMATE MINUTES FROM THE

Attendees: Dick Zimmerman, John Blaser, Vernon Furrer, Tom Sexton, Jennifer Woodward,
 Graham, Jeff Baker, Norman Goss, Diana O'Neil, Jim Butler, John Peter
 Thompson, Garwin Mahler, David Chikara, Roger Lawson, and an audience

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introductory Remarks - Y. Personal welcome to guests to the meeting
- B. Area Office update - Tom Sexton

The AO had a meeting with Congressional staff last week. The meeting was very positive.

Met with the Dr. G. D. Nicks, President of the USDA, discussed research cooperation and the over 20 current projects

The Farm Bill had language authorizing EUL. The Farm Bill has expressed interest in establishing a grant fund at BARC

Looking for additional potential projects under EUL to better utilize space

Ready for the ARMP2, the AO will set the FY08 HRC by 1.2 M dollars. The majority of these funds come from the Area Reserve. All purchases in 2007 will be translated to HRC, including current purchasing agents.

Funding for at least a couple of laboratories are at 25K-35K

Trying to coordinate space there is about equal amount of occupied and unoccupied space in major building, building that will be used will be put on the demolition list to get some of the HRC list and approximately saving about \$2 million in HRC costs. The will result in about 250 building on the demolition list - but it is difficult to get off unless it is from existing, but why? Unfortunately without unless these factors will definitely apply.

All employees will be told that I along with all animal research

Dr. Jorgensen will give the AO funds to upgrade the signage around BARC

There are currently 250 CAT 1 and 400

C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson

John Peter had a busy summer with his duties on Invasive Species. Gave a report to Congress;

John Peter is working with the Senate and House delegations on behalf of BARC, all local delegation want to be included;

Trying to determine the deliverables

Currently, there is a need to increase world food supply 35 to 40% by 2040 to avoid wide starvation

C. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

The decision is still pending to move the Visitor Center from the Log Lodge to the Carver Center

The National Visitor center currently has 2 full time employees, R. Taylor is detailed downtown through December

During the past 175 working days, the VC has hosted or participated in 200 meetings and programs

A proposal was submitted to work with FAR-B in sponsoring a seminar or series of seminars (or lecture), which could be in conjunction with BARC Centennial if desired by the FAR-B board. A handout was provided to the board with a suggested outline of how this might be accomplished, and included some topic suggestions for the board to consider and to get the discussion started. The Visitor Center began working with the Centennial committee in fall of 2007 to conduct this type of activity (and possibly others) as part of the BARC Centennial.

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson

The draft of the minutes sent out to the BOD were approved

B. Treasurer's Report – Dick Zimmerman

FAR-B is still solvent, but we are still paying out more than we are taking in. Most of the income comes from dues, CFC, and interest. The down turn in the stock market has caused some paper loss in equities.

There are some CD's coming due. The Treasurer has authority to find the best CD return and move money to get best returns if he determines a benefit to FAR-B

Received two thank you notes from recipients of travel grants to NRI SY's.
(Membership forms will be sent to all recipients?)

C. WAFB-B update - J.P. Thompson

John Peter had a busy summer with his duties on Invasive Species. Gave a report to Congress.

John Peter is working with the Senate and House delegations on behalf of BARC. All local delegation want to be included.

Trying to determine the deliverables

Currently, there is a need to increase wild food supply 25 to 50% by 2040 to avoid wide starvation

C. National Visitor's Center - Jennifer Woodward-Gibson

The decision is still pending to move the Visitor Center from the Log Lodge to the Carver Center

The National Visitor center currently has 5 full time employees. H. Taylor is detailed downtown through Ocasional

During the last 125 working days, the VC has hosted or participated in 200 meetings and programs

A proposal was submitted to work with FAR-B in sponsoring a series of seminars for visitors, which could be in conjunction with BARC Ocasional is located in the FAR-B point. A proposal was provided to the board with a suggested action of now the might be accomplished, and included some suggestions for the board to consider and in get the necessary needed. The Visitor Center began working with the Ocasional committee in Feb of 2007 to conduct the type of activity (and possibly others) as part of the BARC Ocasional.

Old Business and Committee Reports

A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
The date of the minutes sent out to the BOG were approved

B. Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman
FAR-B is still without, but we are still paying out more than we are taking in. Most of the income comes from dues, CFC, and interest. The down turn in the stock market has caused some other loss in revenue.

There are some CD's coming due. The Treasurer has authority to find the best CD return and move money to get that return. He determined a return to FAR-B

Received two thank you notes from recipients of travel grants to the BYA (membership forms we sent to all recipients)

C. Alliance report – Jim Butcher

FAR-B has been asked to participate in the celebration of the new GREEN Vansville Elementary School, October 11, 2008. FAR-B could participate if we can get help from BARC SY's.

A committee of Darwin, Dianne Odland, Jim Butcher and Jim Anderson was formed to see about getting a program for the event

Nothing more than given by John Peter Thompson (above)

D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney

No formal report, but FAR-B is getting checks from the CFC. FAR-B is trying to get CFC to direct deposit checks to our bank account.

E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag

No report, but the fliers for the poinsettias sell are available and on our new web site.

F. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland

BES Science Enrichment Program will probably be concerned with Chemistry. The committee will meet at 11:00 A.M. before the next FAR-B meeting, October 14, 2008.

G. Membership - Al Stoner

Some progress on getting new members.

Some discussion on getting corporate members

H. Grants and Awards – Darwin Murrell

Talked with Prince Georges folks from grants, but made no commitments, because what needs to be done is outside the mission of FAR-B. Darwin wants to be very careful about accepting money to do things that FAR-B does not want to do.

I. Publicity – Hank Becker

There is still news that was not printed in the last newsletter. Send new items to Hank.

C. Alliance report - Jim Butler

FAR-B has been asked to participate in the development of the new GREEN Vantage Elementary School, October 11, 2008. FAR-B could participate if we can get help from BANC 57's.

A committee of Garry, Dianne Oland, Jim Butler and Jim Anderson was formed to see about getting a program for the event.

Nothing more given by John Peter Thompson (done)

D. Continued Federal Campaign - Eric Kinnery
No formal report, but FAR-B is getting checks from the CFC. FAR-B is trying to get CFC to direct checks to our bank account.

E. Fund Raising - Frank Henningsen

No report, but the time for the newsletter and our new web site.

F. Community Outreach - Dianne Oland

BES Science Enrichment Program will probably be conducted with Chemistry. The committee will meet at 1:00 AM before the next FAR-B meeting, October 14, 2008.

G. Membership - Al Storer

Some progress on getting new members.

Some discussion on getting current members.

H. Grants and Awards - Doreen Harvey

Talked with Paula Geoghegan folks from Grants, but needs no commitment, because what needs to be done is outside the mission of FAR-B. Doreen wants to be very careful about asking money to do things that FAR-B does not want to do.

I. Publicity - Hank Becker

There is still news that was not placed in the last newsletter. Hank now wants to think

J. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson

Joe Spence has agreed that a seminar series for the centennial celebration could be based on the priorities identified in the new BARC plan the defines research priorities. Each of the major research thrust area would be included as the focus of a symposium. For example, topics such as climate change, collections and systematics and human nutrition, and other focused areas, could be developed as separate symposia. Additional senior scientists should be appointed to the committee. These individuals would be selected on the basis of their specific expertise in each of the priorities areas that have been identified. These individuals would be asked to assist in the selection of speakers and in the development and implementation of plans for a specific symposium

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

Dave was asked to contact AO to see if they have been contacted about participating in the October. On September 11, 2008, Dr. Spence stated that BA did not receive an invitation to participate.

Jenny Allen has cleared with Director Joe Spence and arranged for Pat Millner to display her composting-master gardening work at the October 11 event. FAR-B will have a supporting role to Pat, i.e., provide brochures, explain FAR-B, help Pat.

III. New Business

A. Public education – Roger Lawson

B. Beltsville Symposia materials to Ag Library – Dick Zimmerman

Dick gave the NAL some of the history of FAR-B, particularly the material from the Beltsville Symposium.

C. P.G. County Green Fest on Oct. 11- Jim Butcher

See above in Outreach

D. Requested support for NE 1016 Tour & Dinner at BARC

This was approved

The Board has agreed that a similar series for the Centennial celebration could be based on the counties identified in the new GA/NC plan the donor research project. Even if the main research project was to be included as the focus of a symposium. For example, there are climate change, pollution and systematic and human nutrition and other topics that could be developed as separate symposia. Additional series should be developed for the Centennial. These materials would be selected on the basis of their specific expertise in each of the counties that have been identified. These materials would be asked to speak in the selection of speakers and in the development and implementation of plans for a specific symposium.

K. Announcements / Action - Dave Chiswood

Dave was asked to contact AD in case if they have been contacted about participating in the Centennial. On September 11, 2005, Dr. Spence stated that GA did not have an interest in participating.

Larry Allen was cleared with Charles Joe Spence and arranged for Pat Miller to attend her conference-master planning work at the October 17 event. Pat Miller was a supporting role to Pat, i.e., provide resources, explain FAR, help Pat.

III. New Business

A. Public Education - Project Lawton

B. Bellville Synthesis materials to AG Library - Dick Zimmerman

Dick gave the full story of the history of FAR-B, particularly the material from the Bellville Symposium.

C. F.G. County Green Park on Oct 11 - Jim Barber

Green Park Church

D. Requested support for NE 1018 Turn & Dinner at BARC

This was approved

MINUTES
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, October 14, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Phil Kearney, David Chitwood, Amy Rossman, Dianne Odland, Freddi Hammerschlag, Hank Becker, Jim Butcher, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Vernon Pursel, Joe Spence, Essex Finney, Dick Zimmerman and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
Introduced Dr. Amy Rossman
- B. Area Office update – Joe Spence
 - Joe Garbarino Retired. Caird Rexroad will do double duty
 - Peter Young will be leaving ARS and going back to the Library of Congress
 - Will defend the BARC ARMPS in Mid November, there are 4 Laboratories still below the \$25,000/SY level. Only one is in deep trouble.
 - Still under a Continuing Resolution which will last at least until March. There is a 3.9% salary increase that is not funded
 - Had a visit from Secretary Schafer, he would like to come back, he visited the Bee Research Lab, Composting Facility, and the Bovine Functional Genomics Lab
 - Farm Bill will have a combined NPS, Mark Walbridge will head up the Natural Resources position from ARS for at least the next 2 years
 - Enhanced Use Lease Authority – Both BARC and NAL are getting started on this. Unfortunately, any new or renovated space paid for by a lessee, can only be incidentally used by BARC employees, BARC has at least 4 different potential partners
 - Signage to be upgraded includes blue and white signs, and directional signs
 - Roof leaks in Blg 003 were from tornado damage
 - With tight budgets, need to prioritize SY needs to buildings
 - Wanda Collins is leading the effort in developing the Strategic Plan
- C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson Could not make the meeting
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene
 - The Visitor Center will stay in its current location for now
 - There are just two employees in the ARS Visitor Center, Jay Green and Jennifer Woodward-Greene
 - Still working on the Data base and program evaluations
 - Ready and willing to help with the Centennial for BARC
 - *Could the VC use volunteer help, etc. FAR-B members?*
- E. Funds for National Fungus Collection – Amy Rossman
 - A former employee would like to leave funds to the National Fungus Collection. Could FAR-B help with this?
 - Amy thought the donation would be in the \$100 to \$200K range
 - Vern Pursel will send FAR-B's tax number to Amy. It was suggested that Amy get that information to the attorney representing the former employee

- Vern will look into the By-Laws to see what could be done
- Since this meeting, Vernon has sent several emails on this subject

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
 - Draft of September 9, 2008 meeting minutes sent out October 6, 2008 was revised and approved.
 - Vernon stated we need to maintain hard copies of minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report – Dick Zimmerman

FAR-B still has funds, but new money comes in slowly
Dick is working on new format for the budget
- C. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
 - John Peter is in Nashville, TN, so could not be present today
 - The annual meeting will be held December 1 or 4, 2008
 - John Peter still needs the Strategic Plan or Concept Paper
 - Sen. Mikulski has shown interest in what the new Under Secretary for research should do. Looking for questions on what to ask, what qualifications should this person be and what is the job description. Needs a balance between Universities and ARS
- D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
 - Just receive a check for \$532
 - Believes that charitable giving will be down this year
 - How will we increase income?
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag

Reminded everyone about getting poinsettias ordered
- F. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
 - Update Beltsville Flier, Information Staff would help in producing this
 - It would cost about \$2,500 for publishing 10,000 copies
 - Next summer the American Chemical Society is Meeting in Washington. ARS usually participates in such events. Would FAR-B be interested in having a booth at \$3,500?
 - Dr. Spence seems to be interested
 - This could also promote the Sterling Hendricks lecture, sponsored by ARS
 - BES outreach program; format would be the same as previous years, would be on 'Every Day Chemistry' and could include food chemistry, environment, biochemistry, insects, etc. (looking for more ideas), to be held in April
- G. Membership - Al Stoner - Not present
- H. Grants and Awards – Darwin Murrell - Not present
- I. Publicity – Hank Becker - Nothing pressing
- J. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson

*The Speakers Committee was expanded and now includes Amy Rossman, Beverly Clevidence, Lew Ziska, Bob Davis, Joan Lunney and Jennifer Woodward-Green.

* Plans are being made for an introductory speaker at the initial kickoff ceremony to speak on the future of food security.

* The committee will recommend that five lectures be presented during the year on topics of global climate change, collections and systematics/genomics, human nutrition, animal diseases and health and plant diseases and health.

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
- Board of Directors at 2008 meeting minutes sent out October 2008 was accepted and approved
 - Finance report was sent to members last night in minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman
- FAH-B has funds but how money comes in slowly
 - Dick is working on new format for the budget
- C. Attorney report - Jim Ginter
- John Peter is in the office, TN so could not be present today
 - The annual meeting will be held December 1 or 4, 2008
 - John Peter will handle the business for the Attorney Report
 - Sam Minkowski has shown interest in what the new Union Secretary for research should do
 - Looking for questions on what to do next year and whether should the person be and what is the job description. Needs a balance between education and ARS
- D. Charitable Fundraising - Phil Manning
- Just received a check for \$25
 - Believes that charitable giving will be down this year
 - This will be unusual income
- E. Fund Raising - Freda Zimmerman
- Reviewed everyone who is getting permission to stand
- F. Community Outreach - Diana Stand
- Update: Healthy Food Foundation had great help in purchasing this
 - It would cost about \$2 for the publishing for 1000 copies
 - Next speaker for American Chemical Society is speaking in Washington, ARS usually participates in such events. Would FAH-B be interested in having a booth at \$2500?
 - The speaker seems to be interested
 - This could also present the Healthy Food Foundation sponsored by ARS
 - BBS outreach program, tonight would be the same as previous years, would be on Friday
 - The "Community" and could include food chain and environment, chemistry, insects, etc.
 - Looking for more ideas to be held in April
- G. Membership - Jo Ginter - Not present
- H. Grants and Awards - David Minkowski - Not present
- I. Publicity - Frank Hecker - Not present
- J. H/W/Entertainment - Roger Lawson

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* The morning lecture on each date will be followed by a mini-symposium in the afternoon that presents a range of topics addressing the same broad theme of the morning lecture.

* Specific costs can't be calculated until a final decisions are made on the program outline, but we estimate that each of the five invited nationally recognized lecturers would receive \$2,500 including travel and an honorarium.

* These ideas are only preliminary and subject to approval of the Area and the Administrator's office.

K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood – Nothing that wasn't already covered

III. New Business

A. Report on P.G. County Green Fest - Jim Butcher et al.

This was a very good outing. Held at the new 'Green' Vansville Elementary School. Pat Millner came over and had a table with composting and her worm farm. Jim Butcher and Jim Anderson represented FAR-B. We gave out a number of membership Application forms

B. Report on Beltsville Symposia materials to Ag Library – Dick Zimmerman

Met with Susan Fugate and gave her the FAR-B symposium records. She needs no funds

C. Digital picture files for far-b.org – V Pursel

Send digital pictures to include on web site to Vern

D. Freddie suggested that FAR-B members volunteer at the Visitor Center

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NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

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III. New Business

- A. Report on R.G. County Green Past - Jim Bunker et al.
This was a very good morning. Held at the new Green Valley Elementary School. Pat Miller came over and had a table with conchology and her water bottle. Jim Bunker and Jim Anderson represented F&R-B. We gave out a number of membership Applications forms.
- B. Report on Bismarck Symposium materials to AG I. Henry - Dick Zimmerman
Met with Susan Lopez and gave her the F&R-B symposium materials. She needs no funds.
- C. Digital pictures for the B-Part - V. P. Packer
Send digital pictures to include on web site at VPA.
- D. Freddie suggested that F&R-B members volunteer at the Visitor Center.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 12, 2008

Appendix A

Members of the FAR-B Board,

This morning I received the following funding proposals from Mike Pogue -Chair of the SELF committee. It appears that in December or January they requested submission of grant proposals and the following grant proposal was submitted. The committee needs the FAR-B Board's approval so that these funds can be dispersed from the SELF account. I wanted you to see this info so you would be able know what it is all about when I request approval tomorrow.

Vernon

The following is a brief synopsis of the project that was successful for funding. Charles Mitter from the Department of Entomology, University of Maryland was in charge of having the proposal selected.

Item #1 -

The project title is: Pan trap color preference for Hymenoptera in a forest clearing

Participants: Robert Kula (SEL), Michael Gates (SEL), Matthew Buffington (SEL), Sam Droege (USGS), David Smith (SEL, retired), and Abigail Kula (UMD, Ph.D. student)

The color preference of pan traps to collect Hymenoptera (bees and wasps) has not been statistically analyzed as to the best color to maximize species diversity. A total of 1456 samples were collected between May 8 and June 3, 2007. Of these samples, 777 have had Hymenoptera pulled and sorted into sawflies, bees, stinging wasps, and parasitoid wasps for processing. These sorted Hymenoptera will be curated and sorted to genus and morphospecies by the above participants. Statistical analyses will be performed to determine if differences among colors are significant.

The contractor will finish pulling and sorting specimens on April 30, 2008; funding for the contractor ends May 2, 2009. This project cannot move forward in a reasonable time frame without technical support to prepare fully-curated specimens. Therefore, I request \$2,400 to hire a contractor to dehydrate, mount, and label specimens of parasitoid wasps to facilitate identification.

Research product: Publication of results in a peer-reviewed journal

Impact Pan traps are used to monitor pollinators, pests, endemic natural enemies, and introduced biological control agents. They are also used to collect specimens for research purposes, such as faunal surveys, taxonomic revisions, and cladistic analyses. Virtually all sampling programs targeting Hymenoptera use only yellow and/or blue pan traps, but statistical assessments of color preference have only treated bees and sawflies. This study is the most intensive assessment of color preference in Hymenoptera in terms of taxonomic scope and sampling effort and is the first statistical assessment for parasitoid and stinging wasps. Personnel will use the results of this research when designing sampling programs to monitor populations of Hymenoptera, as will biologists interested in collecting particular species for their research.

Budget

Contractor = \$2,400 (\$15/hour x 8 hours/day x 20 days)

Members of the PAR-B Board

This morning I received the following funding proposals from Mike Pogue - Chair of the SELF committee. It appears that in December or January they requested submission of grant proposals and the following grant proposal was submitted. The committee needs the PAR-B Board's approval so that these funds can be dispersed from the SELF account. I wanted you to see this into so you would be able to know what it is all about when I request approval tomorrow.

Vernon

The following is a brief synopsis of the project that was successful for funding. Charles Miller from the Department of Entomology, University of Maryland was in charge of having the proposal selected.

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Budget

Contractor = \$2,400 (\$120/hour x 8 hours/day x 20 days)

Item #2

Minutes - December 12, 2018 - 45 minutes meeting

This is request for \$800 of the SELF account to be used to purchase some malaise traps to conduct the field work by the contractor. These funds would actually be donated to FAR-B (SELF Acct) by a SELF member, Eric Grissell.

John Allen - Lee Miller requested that the SELF Director, Christopher Grissell, send out a letter to the various funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, the National Cancer Institute, and the University of Maryland, to request funding for the SELF program. He also requested that the SELF Director, Christopher Grissell, send out a letter to the various funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, the National Cancer Institute, and the University of Maryland, to request funding for the SELF program.

Michael Lewis - Michael Lewis requested that the SELF Director, Christopher Grissell, send out a letter to the various funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, the National Cancer Institute, and the University of Maryland, to request funding for the SELF program.

Deborah - Deborah requested that the SELF Director, Christopher Grissell, send out a letter to the various funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, the National Cancer Institute, and the University of Maryland, to request funding for the SELF program.

Allison - Allison requested that the SELF Director, Christopher Grissell, send out a letter to the various funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, the National Cancer Institute, and the University of Maryland, to request funding for the SELF program.

Chris - Chris requested that the SELF Director, Christopher Grissell, send out a letter to the various funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, the National Cancer Institute, and the University of Maryland, to request funding for the SELF program.

Fund Raising - Fund Raising requested that the SELF Director, Christopher Grissell, send out a letter to the various funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, the National Cancer Institute, and the University of Maryland, to request funding for the SELF program.

Community Outreach - Community Outreach requested that the SELF Director, Christopher Grissell, send out a letter to the various funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, the National Cancer Institute, and the University of Maryland, to request funding for the SELF program.

Marketing - Marketing requested that the SELF Director, Christopher Grissell, send out a letter to the various funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, the National Cancer Institute, and the University of Maryland, to request funding for the SELF program.

Programs & Reports - Programs & Reports requested that the SELF Director, Christopher Grissell, send out a letter to the various funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the University of Maryland, the National Cancer Institute, and the University of Maryland, to request funding for the SELF program.

SELF Committee - A meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2018, to discuss the program and possible options for the SELF program.

There is request for \$500 of the SELF account to be used to purchase some materials to
conduct the field work for the contract. These funds will be directly be donated to the
SELF account by a SELF member, Bob Gossel.

Minutes - November 12, 2008 FAR-B Board Meeting

Attendees - Vernon Pursel- presiding, Lisa Baldus, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Essex Finney, Freddi Hammerschlag, Kit Hoyle, Phil Kearney, Darwin Murrell,, Dianne Odland,, Allan Stoner, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Richard Zimmerman

Area Office - Lisa Baldus represented the Area Director. Lisa reported that in response to BARC's new Enhanced Leasing Authority, several parties, including Behnkes Nurseries, Pharacine, the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute, and the University of Maryland equine research program, have expressed interest in possibly leasing excess space at the Center. TEDCO is working to help identify interested parties. Lisa also reported that a draft of the BARC strategic vision statement was nearly complete.

Visitor Center - Jennifer Woodward-Greene reported that despite their severe understaffing they have been able to maintain a viable program. The Center hosted the Secretary of Agriculture's visit to BARC in October.

Treasurer - Richard Zimmerman distributed and discussed the October treasurer's report.

Alliance - Jim Butcher reported that the Beltsville Alliance was hoping to meet with staff members of the Maryland congressional delegation during the Congress winter recess. Jim also indicated that the Alliance will hold its annual meeting in December.

CFC - Phil Kearney indicated that the application process for the 2009 campaign starts in December.

Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag reported that the 2008 poinsettia sales have been lower than the 2007 sales.

Community Outreach - Dianne Odland reported that the 2009 Beltsville Elementary School science enrichment program is scheduled for the week of April 27. The theme for the program will be Chemistry in Every Day Lives. Diane also reported that the American Chemical Society will hold its 2009 fall conference in Washington D.C. BARC will sponsor an exhibit that will highlight its research. Diane proposed that FAR-B consider making a contribution to help defray the exhibit expenses. A motion was made and passed for FAR-B to contribute \$1,000 to help cover the exhibit expenses.

Membership - Darwin Murrell indicated that he had drafted an invitation letter (template) for use in soliciting industry membership in FAR-B.

Donations & Bequests - Vernon Pursel discussed the documents that he and Jim Butcher prepared detailing the procedures for making donations or bequests to FAR-B. They will be published in the newsletter and posted on the FAR-B website.

BARC Centennial - A meeting is scheduled for December 12 to discuss the program and possible speakers for the BARC centennial celebration.

**Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

Them most important item today is ----- LUNCH!

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel
- B. Area Office update –Tom Sexton
- C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson (if schedule permits)
- D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's Report – Dick Zimmerman
- C. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
- D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
- F. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
- G. Membership - Al Stoner
- H. Grants and Awards – Darwin Murrell
- I. Publicity – Hank Becker
- J. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson
- K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood

III. New Business

- A. Discussion of FAR-B – NAL interactions

Decorate the Visitor Center

Friends of Agricultural Research - Baltimore, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Baltimore Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor Center
Baltimore, Maryland
Tuesday, December 9, 2008 - 11:00 AM

Then most important item today is ---- 11:00 AM

I. Introduction

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - V. Pineda
- B. Ayes Office Update - Tom Sexton
- C. N/A/B Update - J.P. Thompson (if schedule permits)
- D. National Visitor Center - Barbara Woodward-Cox

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
- B. Treasurer's Report - Greg Zimmerman
- C. Finance Report - Jim Anderson
- D. Chairman's Report - George - 6th meeting
- E. Local Meeting - Freda Hamann-Welsh
- F. Membership Outreach - Diana O'Brien
- G. Membership - Al Simon
- H. Grants and Awards - David Schell
- I. Publicity - Hank Becker
- J. BARR Committee - Roger Larson
- K. Administrator's Liaison - Dave Chiswick

III. New Business

- A. Discussion of FARR - NAI interaction

Dismiss the Visitor Center

Minutes of the
Friends of Agricultural Research - Beltsville, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor's Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, December 9, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

Attendee's: Vernon Pursel, Tom Sexton, John Peter Thompson, Jim Butcher, David Chitwood, Freddi Hammerschlag, Phil Kearney, Dawin Murrell, Dianne Odland, Allan Stoner, Richard Zimmerman, Jennifer Woodward-Greene, Roger Lawson, Hank Becker, and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests – V Pursel

Vern supplied turkey and cheese wraps for lunch, others brought all sorts of good eats.

B. Area Office update –Tom Sexton

The Area Office is committed to reducing the number of buildings at BARC. There are 5 building on the demolition list this year; 186 (gone), 211 and 3 in the 500 series. Next year, with HQ's help, 050, 009 and 008 with be gone . The Day Care will close because to the lack of children.

All Laboratories except SEL will be OK for the next couple of years.

The Midwest Area has 40% of the units in financial trouble.

BARC scientists bring in \$15 million from outside funds. 5 units bring in \$1 million or more.

There was an all SY meeting with the AO last month to keep SY's informed on what is happening in the Area

Strategic Plan is nearing completion, this will spell out what research areas are needed for future and what will be low priority in the future. Included in this is a facility consolidation plan. Currently, BARC employee's are housed in 19 building and this will be reduced to 16. The 1 SY Beef Research Unit was closed. The 30 beef cows will be sold and about \$300K will be put into other units. There is still a beef herd at APU.

There are now only 254 SY's at BARC, about 60% of research staff are eligible to retire.

C. NARA-B update - J P Thompson

John Peter is no longer working at the Nursery. Therefore he will need to suspend activity for the Alliance. While the Alliance has no funds, it can still continue for at least a year.

The Agricultural and Natural Resource Biotechnology Institute of the University of Maryland, is interested in utilizing Bldgs 306, 307 and 308. This is made possible by the Limited Use Lease authority granted BARC in the Farm Bill. Other institutions are lining up to see if they can utilize some of BARC's under utilized space.

.D. National Visitor's Center – Jennifer Woodward-Greene

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center
National Visitor Center
Beltsville, Maryland
Tuesday, December 9, 2008 - 12:00 NOON

Attendees: Vernon Purcell, Tom Saxton, John Peter Thompson, Jim Hatcher, David Chiswick,
Friedrich Hamann, Bill Kesteven, David Hatcher, David O'Neil, Alan Storer, Michael
Zimmerman, Jennifer Woodward-Carter, Henry Lawson, Hank Hatcher, and Jim Anderson

I. Introductions

- A. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests - V Purcell
Vern supplied lunch and chose wines for lunch (these brought all sorts of good comments)
B. Area Office update - Tom Saxton
The Area Office is concerned in reducing the number of buildings at BARC. There are 2
buildings on the schedule for this year: 2008, 2009 and 2010. The 2008 building is the last of
with HQ's help. 2009 and 2010 will be gone. The 2008 building will close because of the lack of
children.

All laboratories except 2011 will be OK for the next couple of years.

The Midwest Area has 40% of its water in the same building.

BARC seems to be in 215 million from outside funds. 2 units being in 21 million or more.

There was an all ST meeting with the AO last month to keep ST's informed on what is
happening in the Area.

Stacy's plan is moving complete but this will spell out what research areas are needed for future
and what will be low priority in the future. Included in this is a facility consolidation plan.
Currently, BARC employees are housed in 19 buildings and this will be reduced to 10. The
ST West Research Team was closed. The 10 best cases will be sold and about \$200K will be put
into other units. There is still a lot of work at ARS.

There are now only 254 ST's at BARC, about 20% of research staff are eligible to retire.

C. BARC Update - J P Thompson

John Peter is no longer working at the Agency. Therefore he will need to succeed actively for
the future. While the Agency has no funds, it will still continue for at least a year.

The Agency and BARC Research Biotechnology Institute of the University of Maryland is
interested in acquiring Bldg 105, 207 and 208. This is made possible by the 1 building that is
currently owned BARC in the future. Other institutions are lining up to see if they can
afford some of BARC's under utilized space.

D. National Visitor Center - Jennifer Woodward-Carter

This is a slow time, but they are working with the Maryland State Department.

Maybe giving tours to some of the Obama transition team

II. Old Business and Committee Reports

- A. Secretary's Report - Jim Anderson
Secretaries minutes taken by Allen Stoner from the last meeting were approved.

- B. Treasurer's Report – Dick Zimmerman
We are solvent, but the stocks are not doing very well.

- C. Alliance report – Jim Butcher
Alliance activity will be suspended.

There was a TEDCO/all ARS Show Case last month with Sen Cardin as the Keynote Speaker.
TEDCO is interested in Lease Authority

Darwin will contact Joe to ask ?? and FAR-B's role

- D. Combined Federal Campaign – Phil Kearney
Attended the CFC kickoff attended by about 50 people. Need a new poster. A new check should be arriving soon.

- E. Fund Raising - Freddi Hammerschlag
Sold 96 plants this past month. This was less than the year before, but we made more because we charged a little more per plant this year. Thank you Freddi for all your hard work on this project

- F. Community Outreach – Dianne Odland
The BES Science Enrichment Program is having trouble getting SY volunteers this year. If things don't get started, we may have to cancel this event.

- G. Membership - Al Stoner
Letters have been sent out to 5 Industrial Companies that have interest in BARC research. We'll see if any respond in a positive way.

Also, letters have been sent to all RL's asking for their help in getting associate members

- H. Grants and Awards – Darwin Murrell
No progress

- I. Publicity – Hank Becker
There are two obituaries so far. Need a story on the Alliance

- J. BARC Centennial - Roger Lawson
Nothing new

- K. Administrator's Liaison – Dave Chitwood
Nothing else

III. New Business

- A. Discussion of FAR-B – NAL interactions

A. Mission of FAR-B - WAI intentions

New Business

R. Ambassador's Liaison - David Chinn

Meeting was

J. BARC Committee - Roger Lawson

There are two objectives so far. Need a story on the Alliance

I. Initiative - Hank Becker

No progress

H. Grants and Awards - Lauren Churchill

Also, letters have been sent to all RI's asking for their help in getting executive members

G. Membership - Al Shinn

Letters have been sent out to 5 individual companies that have interest in BARC research. We'll see if we respond in a positive way.

F. Community Outreach - Elaine O'Brien

The BARC Outreach Program is having trouble getting 25 volunteers this year. If things don't get started, we may have to cancel the event.

E. Fund Raising - Emily Hunsicker

Sold 30 plants this past month. This was less than the plan before, but we made more because we changed a little more per plant this year. Thank you for all your hard work on this project.

D. Combined Federal Campaign - Phil Kearney

Attended the CFC kickoff meeting by about 50 people. Need a new poster. A new check should be arriving soon.

Barwin will continue to ask " and FAR-B's role

THCO is interested in Case Authority

There was a THCO All ARS Show Case last month with Sam Corbin as the keynote speaker.

C. Alliance report - Jim Becker

We are skeptical but the stocks are not doing very well.

B. Treasurer's Report - Dick Zimmerman

Recommendations made by Allen Stager from the last meeting were approved.

A. Secretary's Report - Jim Becker

Old Business and Committee Reports

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Maybe giving more to some of the Grants committee items

This is a slow time, but they are working with the Mayland State Department

NAL would like to be part of FAR-B. Need to inform them that FAR-B mission is to promote Research at BARC.

